

STATE OF NEW YORK

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R. R. 385

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

February 6, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. CHANDLER-WATERMAN, SIMON, LUCAS, ANDERSON, HOOKS, BURROUGHS, O'PHARROW, JACKSON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations -- reported and referred to the Committee on Rules -- Rules Committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to the Committee on Rules -- ordered to a third reading -- amended on the special order of third reading, ordered reprinted as amended, retaining its place on the special order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to requiring documents utilized by state agencies, public authorities and municipalities to replace the term "emotionally disturbed person" with the term "person experiencing an emotional crisis"

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 170-j
2 to read as follows:

3 § 170-j. Mental health references contained in state and municipal
4 forms. No form, preprinted document, other public-facing document,
5 training material, agency guidance, or manual utilized by a state agen-
6 cy, public authority or municipality shall use the term "emotionally
7 disturbed person" to identify or denote a person experiencing emotional
8 distress or an emotional or mental health crisis. All forms or
9 preprinted documents, other public-facing documents, training materials,
10 agency guidance or manuals utilizing such term shall be amended to
11 replace the term "emotionally disturbed person" with the term "person
12 experiencing an emotional crisis".

13 § 2. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a
14 law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of
15 any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on
16 its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before
17 such effective date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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