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AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to prohibiting co-mingling of adolescent and adult patients in residential facilities

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Section 7.09 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding  
2 a new subdivision (k) to read as follows:

3 (K) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS PROHIBIT-  
4 ING THE CO-MINGLING OF ADOLESCENT AND ADULT PATIENTS IN RESIDENTIAL  
5 FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND, PROGRAMS SUBJECT TO AN OPER-  
6 ATING CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 31.02 OF THIS CHAPTER. SUCH RULES  
7 AND REGULATIONS SHALL ADDRESS AGE SPECIFIC CONCERNS AND NEEDS OF  
8 PATIENTS AND SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO: PROTOCOLS AND PROCE-  
9 DURES FOR APPROPRIATE AGE AND PROGRAM SEPARATION IN BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND  
10 TREATMENT PROGRAMS; PREVENTIVE AND REMEDIAL ACTIONS, INCLUDING INCIDENT  
11 REPORTING, TO BE TAKEN TO PREVENT INCIDENTS OF ABUSE OR MALTREATMENT;  
12 AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO INSURE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF  
13 ADOLESCENT AND ADULT PATIENTS.

14 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however that  
15 the rules and regulations required by section one of this act shall be  
16 issued on the one hundred twentieth day after enactment of this act and,  
17 provided further that 30 days prior to such issuance, the commissioner  
18 of mental health shall submit the required rules and regulations to the  
19 governor, the speaker of the assembly and the majority leader of the  
20 senate for their review.

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

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