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AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to requiring private hospital security officers to receive forty hours of comprehensive training and authorizing the commissioner of labor to develop such training program

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

Section 1. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 27-c to read as follows:

S 27-C. SAFETY AND HEALTH OF PRIVATE HOSPITAL SECURITY OFFICERS. 1. TRAINING. ANY EMPLOYEE WORKING IN A PRIVATE HOSPITAL AS A SECURITY OFFICER AND WHOSE DUTIES INCLUDE, UNDER ORDERS OF THE APPROPRIATE OFFICER, TO PRESERVE THE PEACE AND ORDER IN SUCH HOSPITAL, TO PROTECT THE GROUNDS, BUILDINGS AND PATIENTS IN SUCH HOSPITAL AND TO WATCH, RESTRAIN OR TRANSPORT PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS SHALL RECEIVE FORTY HOURS OF COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING.

2. STANDARDS. A. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CAUSE TO BE DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED A COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR SUCH SECURITY OFFICERS. THE TRAINING PROGRAM IS TO BE PROVIDED TO PERSONS HIRED AS SECURITY OFFICERS WITHIN FIVE WEEKS AFTER SUCH HIRING, AND SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO FORTY HOURS OF TRAINING IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

(1) FIRE PREVENTION;

(2) BASIC CRIMINAL LAW;

(3) FIRST AID AND CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION;

(4) CONDUCTING INVESTIGATIONS;

(5) RUDIMENTARY POLICE WORK, INCLUDING LAWFUL USE OF FORCE;

(6) PROPER USE OF RESTRAINT; AND

(7) ANY OTHER TRAINING DEEMED NECESSARY TO AUGMENT SUCH PERSON'S SKILLS IN PROVIDING NECESSARY SAFETY AND SECURITY SERVICES FOR THE FACILITY.

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

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B. SUCH TRAINING SHALL BE PROVIDED AT LEAST ANNUALLY THEREAFTER. THE ANNUAL TRAINING SHALL BE PROVIDED WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE PREVIOUS TRAINING AND SHALL CONSIST OF SIXTEEN HOURS OF ADDITIONAL TRAINING IN THE ENUMERATED AREAS ESTABLISHED IN PARAGRAPH A OF THIS SUBDIVISION.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the comprehensive training requirements set forth in subdivision 1 of section 27-c of the labor law, as added by section one of this act, have been fulfilled, complied with, or are in effect as of 180 days of the effective date of this act.