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Introduced by M. of A. P. RIVERA -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Developmental Disa-  
bilities

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to defense and  
indemnification of optometrists rendering certain services

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

1     Section 1. Section 7.35 of the mental hygiene law, as amended by chap-  
2     ter 230 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:  
3     S 7.35 Actions against persons rendering professional services at the  
4     request of the office; defense and indemnification.  
5     The provisions of section seventeen of the public officers law shall  
6     apply to any physician, dentist, psychologist, nurse, OPTOMETRIST,  
7     licensed master social worker, or licensed clinical social worker,  
8     licensed to practice pursuant to the education law, who is rendering  
9     professional treatment authorized under such license at the request of  
10    the office or an office facility to patients receiving care or profes-  
11    sional consultation from the office while rendering such professional  
12    treatment.  
13    S 2. Section 13.35 of the mental hygiene law, as amended by chapter  
14    230 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:  
15    S 13.35 Actions against persons rendering professional services at the  
16    request of the office; defense and indemnification.  
17    The provisions of section seventeen of the public officers law shall  
18    apply to any physician, dentist, psychologist, nurse, OPTOMETRIST,  
19    licensed master social worker, or licensed clinical social worker,  
20    licensed to practice pursuant to the education law, who is rendering  
21    professional treatment authorized under such license at the request of  
22    the office or an office facility to patients receiving care or profes-  
23    sional consultation from the office while rendering such professional  
24    treatment.

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

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1     S 3. Section 19.35 of the mental hygiene law, as amended by chapter  
2 230 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:  
3 S 19.35 Actions against persons rendering professional services at the  
4 request of the office; defense and indemnification.  
5     The provisions of section seventeen of the public officers law shall  
6 apply to any physician, psychologist, nurse, OPTOMETRIST, licensed  
7 master social worker, or licensed clinical social worker, licensed to  
8 practice pursuant to the education law, who is rendering professional  
9 treatment authorized under such license at the request of the office or  
10 an office facility to patients receiving care or professional consulta-  
11 tion from the office while rendering such professional treatment.  
12     S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.