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Introduced by M. of A. CAMARA -- read once and referred to the Committee  
on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, the executive law and the public health law, in relation to requiring police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians and certified first responders to complete training in the appropriate recognition and response methods to persons with mental retardation and developmental disabilities

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision (f) of section 13.09 of the mental hygiene law,  
2     as added by chapter 520 of the laws of 2008, is relettered subdivision  
3     (g), and a new subdivision (h) is added to read as follows:  
4     (H) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A CURRICULUM AND  
5     COURSE OF STUDY TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTION AND INFORMATION TO FIREFIGHTERS,  
6     POLICE OFFICERS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS AND CERTIFIED FIRST  
7     RESPONDERS ON THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOP-  
8     MENTAL DISABILITIES, AND THE APPROPRIATE RECOGNITION AND RESPONSE METH-  
9     ODS RELATING TO MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.  
10    S 2. Subdivision 6 of section 156 of the executive law, as amended by  
11    chapter 580 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:  
12    6. Plan, coordinate and provide training for firefighters, both paid  
13    and volunteer, and related governmental officers and employees, relating  
14    to fire and arson prevention and control, and encourage expansion and  
15    improvement of local training facilities in cooperation with fire compa-  
16    nies, municipal corporations and districts. Such training shall be made  
17    available by video or computer to the maximum extent possible. The  
18    office shall adopt rules and regulations relating to such training,  
19    including but not limited to training standards used and the process by  
20    which training hours are allocated to counties as well as a uniform  
21    procedure for requesting and providing additional training hours. SUCH  
22    TRAINING SHALL REQUIRE EVERY FIREFIGHTER, ONCE EVERY THIRTY MONTHS, TO

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

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1 COMPLETE THE COURSE OF STUDY ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL  
2 RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (H)  
3 OF SECTION 13.09 OF THE MENTAL HYGIENE LAW.

4 S 3. Section 837-a of the executive law is amended by adding a new  
5 subdivision 10 to read as follows:

6 10. MAINTAIN AND IMPLEMENT THE COURSE OF STUDY ESTABLISHED BY THE  
7 COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PURSU-  
8 ANT TO SUBDIVISION (H) OF SECTION 13.09 OF THE MENTAL HYGIENE LAW, WHICH  
9 SHALL BE COMPLETED ONCE EVERY THIRTY MONTHS BY EVERY POLICE OFFICER.

10 S 4. Section 3011 of the public health law is amended by adding a new  
11 subdivision 12 to read as follows:

12 12. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS REQUIRING  
13 EVERY CERTIFIED FIRST RESPONDER, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN AND  
14 ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, ONCE EVERY THIRTY MONTHS, TO  
15 COMPLETE THE COURSE OF STUDY ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL  
16 RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (H)  
17 OF SECTION 13.09 OF THE MENTAL HYGIENE LAW.

18 S 5. This act shall take effect immediately, except that sections two,  
19 three and four of this act shall take effect June 1, 2010.