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Introduced by M. of A. WEISENBERG, GUNTHER, McKEVITT, MONTESANO, SWEENEY, P. RIVERA, SCHIMEL -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BOYLAND, CROUCH, DUPREY, GOTTFRIED, McDONOUGH, RA, ROBINSON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Mental Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to duties of providers of services for the developmentally disabled

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

Section 1. Section 31.11 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding two new subdivisions 6 and 7 to read as follows:

6. POSTING A VISIBLE NOTICE IN GROUP HOMES FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED STATING THAT NEW YORK LAW MANDATES ALL MANDATORY REPORTERS OR EYEWITNESSES TO ABUSE OR NEGLECT TO REPORT ALL FORMS OF ABUSE TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND DISTRICT ATTORNEYS. THIS NOTICE SHALL INFORM THE EMPLOYEE OF THE NEED TO CALL 911 IN SUCH CASES. IT SHALL ALSO CONTAIN THE PHONE NUMBER OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

7. ENSURING THAT ALL EMPLOYEES ARE PROPERLY TRAINED WITH REGARD TO THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL FORMS OF ABUSE AND AS TO THE LOCATION OF THE POSTING REQUIRED IN SUBDIVISION SIX OF THIS SECTION.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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