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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:

1     Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section  
2     16.25 to read as follows:  
3     S 16.25 SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS.  
4     (A) (I) ALL STATE AND VOLUNTARY AGENCY VEHICLES USED BY PROVIDERS WHO  
5     ARE CERTIFIED, LICENSED, FUNDED OR OPERATED BY THE OFFICE THAT ARE USED  
6     TO TRANSPORT CHILDREN OR ADULTS WITH MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISABILITIES  
7     SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS WITH SOUND CAPABILITY.  
8     (II) ALL VEHICLES USED AT A FACILITY PROVIDING RESIDENTIAL CARE TO  
9     YOUTH AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH (A) OR (B) OF SUBDIVISION  
10    FOUR OF SECTION FOUR HUNDRED TWELVE-A OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW TO  
11    TRANSPORT SUCH YOUTH SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS WITH  
12    SOUND CAPABILITY.  
13    (B) ANY SCHOOL OR PRIVATE TRANSPORT COMPANY VEHICLES USED TO TRANSPORT  
14    CHILDREN OR ADULTS WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH  
15    SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS WITH SOUND CAPABILITIES.  
16    (C) ANY PROVIDER THAT FAILS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS  
17    SECTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER DAY OF  
18    NONCOMPLIANCE.  
19    S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
20    it shall have become a law.

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

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