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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. BRENNAN, WEISENBERG, SCHROEDER, JAFFEE, CAHILL, ZEBROWSKI -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ABBATE, ABINANTI, BOYLAND, DenDEKKER, DINOWITZ, GABRYSZAK, GLICK, GOTTFRIED, HOOPER, JACOBS, LANCMAN, MENG, MILLMAN, PERRY -- 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 liability for the payment of fees for services rendered by the department of mental hygiene

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

- Section 1. Section 43.03 of the mental hygiene law is amended by 2 adding a new subdivision (e) to read as follows:
- (E) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMIS-SIONER SHALL NOT COLLECT ANY FEES FOR SERVICES FROM ANY MONIES PAID TO OR TO BE PAID TO OR ON BEHALF OF A PATIENT, HIS ESTATE OR A REPRESEN-TATIVE OF A PATIENT OR HIS ESTATE, AS A RESULT OF OR IN RETURN FOR A RELEASE OF LIABILITY OR A COURT ORDERED SETTLEMENT OR JUDGMENT AGAINST THE STATE ARISING FROM AN ACT OR OMISSION OF THE STATE, EMPLOYEE OR AGENT THEREOF, IF SUCH ACT OR OMISSION OCCURRED DURING 9 ANY THE COURSE OF CONFINEMENT OF OR DURING THE PROVISION OF CARE 10

PATIENT. SUCH MONIES SHALL NOT BE OFFSET OR OTHERWISE ENCUMBERED FOR THE

12 PURPOSE OF PAYING SUCH FEES.

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

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