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Introduced by Sen. LANZA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to prohibiting co-mingling of adolescent and adult patients in certain hospitals licensed by the office of mental health; and to amend a chapter of the laws of 2011, amending the mental hygiene law relating to prohibiting co-mingling of adolescent and adult patients in residential facilities, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.3745 and A.4731, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; and to repeal subdivision (k) of section 7.09 of the mental hygiene law relating thereto

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision (k) of section 7.09 of the mental hygiene law,  
2     as added by a chapter of the laws of 2011, amending the mental hygiene  
3     law relating to prohibiting co-mingling of adolescent and adult patients  
4     in residential facilities, as proposed in legislative bills numbers  
5     S.3745 and A.4731, is REPEALED.  
6     S 2. Section 2 of a chapter of the laws of 2011, amending the mental  
7     hygiene law relating to prohibiting co-mingling of adolescent and adult  
8     patients in residential facilities, as proposed in legislative bills  
9     numbers S.3745 and A.4731, is amended to read as follows:  
10    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately[; provided, that any rules  
11    and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of section one of  
12    this act shall be promulgated within one hundred twenty days after this  
13    act shall take effect and, provided further that 30 days prior to such  
14    promulgation, the commissioner of mental health shall submit the  
15    required rules and regulations to the governor, the temporary president  
16    of the senate and the speaker of the assembly for their review].  
17    S 3. Section 31.04 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding a  
18    new subdivision (e) to read as follows:

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

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1 (E) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS PROHIBIT-  
2 ING THE CO-MINGLING OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENT PATIENTS WITH ADULT  
3 PATIENTS, IN HOSPITALS LICENSED BY THE OFFICE. SUCH RULES AND REGU-  
4 LATIONS SHALL PROVIDE THAT CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS SHALL NOT BE CO-MIN-  
5 GLED WITH ADULTS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF SUCH HOSPITALS, NOR SHALL CHIL-  
6 DREN AND ADOLESCENTS RECEIVE SERVICES IN GROUPS WHICH INCLUDE ADULTS. IN  
7 EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES, SUCH CO-MINGLING MAY BE PERMITTED UPON  
8 WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE OFFICE, CONSIDERING THE CLINICAL NEEDS OF  
9 PATIENTS, AS WELL AS APPLICABLE HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS. THE  
10 PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT APPLY TO RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT  
11 FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

12 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
13 section one of this act shall take effect on the same date as a chapter  
14 of the laws of 2011, amending the mental hygiene law relating to  
15 prohibiting co-mingling of adolescent and adult patients in residential  
16 facilities, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.3745 and A.4731,  
17 takes effect; and provided further, however, that if a chapter of the  
18 laws of 2011, amending the mental hygiene law relating to prohibiting  
19 co-mingling of adolescent and adult patients in residential facilities,  
20 as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.3745 and A.4731, shall not  
21 have taken effect on or before such date then section two of this act  
22 shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as such chap-  
23 ter of the laws of 2011 takes effect.