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AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to providing notice of abuse investigations at mental hygiene agencies

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

1     Section 1.     Section 5.05 of the mental hygiene law is amended by  
2 adding a new subdivision (e) to read as follows:  
3     (E) THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH, OFFICE FOR  
4 PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND THE OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM AND  
5 SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES SHALL CAUSE TO HAVE ALL NEW CONTRACTS WITH  
6 AGENCIES AND PROVIDERS LICENSED BY THE OFFICES TO HAVE A CLAUSE REQUIR-  
7 ING NOTICE BE PROVIDED TO ALL CURRENT AND NEW EMPLOYEES OF SUCH AGENCIES  
8 AND PROVIDERS STATING THAT ALL INSTANCES OF ABUSE SHALL BE INVESTIGATED  
9 PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER, AND, IF AN EMPLOYEE LEAVES EMPLOYMENT PRIOR TO  
10 THE CONCLUSION OF A PENDING ABUSE INVESTIGATION, THE INVESTIGATION SHALL  
11 CONTINUE. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE DEEMED TO DIMINISH THE  
12 RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, OR REMEDIES OF ANY EMPLOYEE UNDER ANY OTHER LAW OR  
13 REGULATION OR UNDER ANY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT OR EMPLOYMENT  
14 CONTRACT.  
15     S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
16 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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