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Introduced by M. of A. LENTOL -- read once and referred to the Committee
on Mental Health

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to the creation of
an acute psychiatric bed registry

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

1 Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section
2 9.65 to read as follows:
3 S 9.65 ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC BED REGISTRY.
4 (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER A WEB-BASED ACUTE
5 PSYCHIATRIC BED REGISTRY TO COLLECT, AGGREGATE, AND DISPLAY INFORMATION
6 ABOUT AVAILABLE ACUTE BEDS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC
7 FACILITIES AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL CRISIS STABILIZATION UNITS
8 TO FACILITATE THE IDENTIFICATION AND DESIGNATION OF FACILITIES FOR THE
9 TEMPORARY DETENTION AND TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WHO MEET THE CRITERIA
10 FOR TEMPORARY DETENTION PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.
11 (B) THE ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC BED REGISTRY CREATED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION
12 (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL:
13 1. INCLUDE DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION FOR EVERY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INPA-
14 TIENT PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY AND EVERY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE CRISIS STABILIZA-
15 TION UNIT IN THE STATE, INCLUDING CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE FACILITY;
16 2. PROVIDE REAL-TIME INFORMATION ABOUT THE NUMBER OF BEDS AVAILABLE AT
17 EACH FACILITY AND, FOR EACH AVAILABLE BED, THE TYPE OF PATIENT THAT MAY
18 BE ADMITTED, THE LEVEL OF SECURITY PROVIDED, AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION
19 THAT MAY BE NECESSARY TO ALLOW EMPLOYEES OR DESIGNEES OF COMMUNITY
20 SERVICES BOARDS AND EMPLOYEES OF PSYCHIATRIC FACILITIES TO IDENTIFY
21 APPROPRIATE FACILITIES FOR DETENTION AND TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WHO
22 MEET THE CRITERIA FOR TEMPORARY DETENTION PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE; AND
23 3. ALLOW EMPLOYEES AND DESIGNEES OF COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARDS AND
24 EMPLOYEES OF PSYCHIATRIC FACILITIES TO PERFORM SEARCHES OF THE REGISTRY

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

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1 TO IDENTIFY AVAILABLE BEDS THAT ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THE DETENTION AND
2 TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WHO MEET THE CRITERIA FOR TEMPORARY DETENTION.
3 (C) EVERY STATE FACILITY, COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
4 AUTHORITY, AND PRIVATE PROVIDER LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PARTIC-
5 IPATE IN THE ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC BED REGISTRY ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO
6 SUBDIVISION (A) OF THIS SECTION AND SHALL DESIGNATE AN INDIVIDUAL TO
7 SUBMIT INFORMATION FOR INCLUSION IN THE ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC BED REGISTRY
8 AND SERVE AS A POINT OF CONTACT FOR ADDRESSING REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION
9 RELATED TO DATA REPORTED TO THE ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC BED REGISTRY. INFORMA-
10 TION REPORTED TO THE ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC BED REGISTRY SHALL BE UPDATED AT
11 LEAST DAILY.
12 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
13 it shall have become a law.