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Introduced by M. of A. WALKER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Children and Families -- recommitted to the Committee on Children and Families in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to expanding the persons responsible for reporting cases of suspected child abuse to include employees, volunteers, or agents of any corporate entity having an agreement with a municipality as a tier II facility or any other shelter providing temporary housing to persons under the age of 18

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 413 of the social
2 services law, as separately amended by chapters 126 and 205 of the laws
3 of 2014, is amended to read as follows:
4 (a) The following persons and officials are required to report or
5 cause a report to be made in accordance with this title when they have
6 reasonable cause to suspect that a child coming before them in their
7 professional or official capacity is an abused or maltreated child, or
8 when they have reasonable cause to suspect that a child is an abused or
9 maltreated child where the parent, guardian, custodian or other person
10 legally responsible for such child comes before them in their profes-
11 sional or official capacity and states from personal knowledge facts,
12 conditions or circumstances which, if correct, would render the child an
13 abused or maltreated child: any physician; registered physician assist-
14 ant; surgeon; medical examiner; coroner; dentist; dental hygienist;
15 osteopath; optometrist; chiropractor; podiatrist; resident; intern;
16 psychologist; registered nurse; social worker; emergency medical techni-
17 cian; licensed creative arts therapist; licensed marriage and family
18 therapist; licensed mental health counselor; licensed psychoanalyst;

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

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1 licensed behavior analyst; certified behavior analyst assistant; hospi-
2 tal personnel engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment
3 of persons; a Christian Science practitioner; school official, which
4 includes but is not limited to school teacher, school guidance counse-
5 lor, school psychologist, school social worker, school nurse, school
6 administrator or other school personnel required to hold a teaching or
7 administrative license or certificate; full or part-time compensated
8 school employee required to hold a temporary coaching license or profes-
9 sional coaching certificate; social services worker; director of a chil-
10 dren's overnight camp, summer day camp or traveling summer day camp, as
11 such camps are defined in section thirteen hundred ninety-two of the
12 public health law; day care center worker; school-age child care worker;
13 provider of family or group family day care; employee or volunteer in a
14 residential care facility for children that is licensed, certified or
15 operated by the office of children and family services; or any other
16 child care or foster care worker; mental health professional; substance
17 abuse counselor; alcoholism counselor; all persons credentialed by the
18 office of alcoholism and substance abuse services; peace officer; police
19 officer; district attorney or assistant district attorney; investigator
20 employed in the office of a district attorney; or other law enforcement
21 official; OR ANY EMPLOYEE OF A TIER II FACILITY OR ANY OTHER SHELTER
22 PROVIDING TEMPORARY HOUSING TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN.

23 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.