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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by M. of A. RICHARDSON -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, the executive law and the public health law, in relation to requiring police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians and certified first responders to complete training in the appropriate recognition and response methods to persons with developmental disabilities

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

1 Section 1. Section 13.09 of the mental hygiene law is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision (h) to read as follows:
3 (H) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A CURRICULUM AND
4 COURSE OF STUDY TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTION AND INFORMATION TO FIREFIGHTERS,
5 POLICE OFFICERS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS AND CERTIFIED FIRST
6 RESPONDERS ON THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND
7 THE APPROPRIATE RECOGNITION AND RESPONSE METHODS RELATING TO DEVELOP-
8 MENTAL DISABILITIES.
9 S 2. Subdivision 6 of section 156 of the executive law, as amended by
10 chapter 580 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:
11 6. Plan, coordinate and provide training for firefighters, both paid
12 and volunteer, and related governmental officers and employees, relating
13 to fire and arson prevention and control, and encourage expansion and
14 improvement of local training facilities in cooperation with fire compa-
15 nies, municipal corporations and districts. Such training shall be made
16 available by video or computer to the maximum extent possible. The
17 office shall adopt rules and regulations relating to such training,
18 including but not limited to training standards used and the process by
19 which training hours are allocated to counties as well as a uniform
20 procedure for requesting and providing additional training hours. SUCH
21 TRAINING SHALL REQUIRE EVERY FIREFIGHTER, ONCE EVERY THIRTY MONTHS, TO
22 COMPLETE THE COURSE OF STUDY ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF DEVELOP-
23 MENTAL DISABILITIES PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (H) OF SECTION 13.09 OF THE
24 MENTAL HYGIENE LAW.

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

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1 S 3. Section 837-a of the executive law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 10 to read as follows:

3 10. MAINTAIN AND IMPLEMENT THE COURSE OF STUDY ESTABLISHED BY THE
4 COMMISSIONER OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (H)
5 OF SECTION 13.09 OF THE MENTAL HYGIENE LAW, WHICH SHALL BE COMPLETED
6 ONCE EVERY THIRTY MONTHS BY EVERY POLICE OFFICER.

7 S 4. Section 3011 of the public health law is amended by adding a new
8 subdivision 12 to read as follows:

9 12. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS REQUIRING
10 EVERY CERTIFIED FIRST RESPONDER, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN AND
11 ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, ONCE EVERY THIRTY MONTHS, TO
12 COMPLETE THE COURSE OF STUDY ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF DEVELOP-
13 MENTAL DISABILITIES PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (H) OF SECTION 13.09 OF THE
14 MENTAL HYGIENE LAW.

15 S 5. This act shall take effect immediately, except that sections two,
16 three and four of this act shall take effect June 1, 2016.