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Introduced by M. of A. GUNTHER, LINARES, SKOUFIS, JAFFEE, McDONALD -- read once and referred to the Committee on Mental Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to the powers of the commissioner of the office of mental health

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

Section 1. Section 7.09 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new subdivision (k) to read as follows:

(K) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DEVELOP CLEAR AND DETAILED DEFINITIONS OF AT LEAST FOUR CATEGORIES OF TYPES OF INJURIES THAT A STAFF MEMBER OR PERSON CONFINED MAY EXPERIENCE AS THE RESULT OF AN ASSAULT BY OR AN ALTERCATION BETWEEN A PERSON CONFINED AND ANY STAFF MEMBER OR OTHER PERSON CONFINED IN STATE FORENSIC PSYCHIATRIC CENTERS AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION 7.17 OF THIS ARTICLE. ON AT LEAST A QUARTERLY BASIS BEGINNING IN JANUARY OF EACH YEAR, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE NUMBER OF TYPES OF INJURIES WITHIN THE DETAILED CATEGORIES REQUIRED BY THIS SUBDIVISION.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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