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AN ACT to create "Robin's law"; and to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to mental health and chemical dependence outpatient treatment of sex offenders

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

1     Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Robin's law."  
2     S 2. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section 7.47 to  
3     read as follows:  
4     S 7.47 SEX OFFENDERS; OUTPATIENT GROUP SETTING.  
5     THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DEVELOP GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING SEX  
6     OFFENDERS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT-A OF THE  
7     CORRECTION LAW, AND DETAINED SEX OFFENDERS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 10.03  
8     OF THIS TITLE, RECEIVING SERVICES IN AN OUTPATIENT GROUP SETTING. SUCH  
9     GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES SHALL OUTLINE BEST PRACTICES TO ENSURE A  
10    PROTECTED, SAFE AND CLINICALLY SOUND TREATMENT ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL  
11    PATIENTS AND SHALL, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, BE BASED ON  
12    EVIDENCE-BASED CLINICAL TREATMENT STANDARDS REGARDING THE SEGREGATION OF  
13    SEX OFFENDERS FROM THE GENERAL PATIENT POPULATION. IN DEVELOPING SUCH  
14    GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSULT WITH A PANEL  
15    OF STAKEHOLDERS WHO SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, REPRESENTATIVES  
16    OF CONSUMER ADVOCATES, PROVIDERS AND VICTIM RIGHTS GROUPS. SUCH  
17    PANEL SHALL CONSIST OF NINE MEMBERS, OF WHOM: FIVE SHALL BE APPOINTED BY  
18    THE GOVERNOR, TWO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE  
19    SENATE AND TWO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY.  
20    S 3. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section 19.45  
21    to read as follows:  
22    S 19.45 SEX OFFENDERS; OUTPATIENT GROUP SETTING.

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

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16 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.