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

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to duties of providers of services for the developmentally disabled

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

1     Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section  
2     16.25 to read as follows:  
3     S 16.25 SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS.  
4     (A) (I) SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS WITH SOUND CAPABILITY SHALL BE INSTALLED  
5     IN ALL PUBLIC COMMON AREAS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ALL COMMON  
6     LIVING AREAS, DINING AREAS, HALLWAYS, CLASSROOMS AND TIME-OUT ROOMS IN  
7     ALL GROUP HOMES, RESIDENTIAL AND DAY SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS LICENSED,  
8     CERTIFIED, FUNDED OR OPERATED BY THE OFFICE WHICH PROVIDE SERVICES FOR  
9     CHILDREN OR ADULTS WITH MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISABILITIES.  
10    (II) ALL PUBLIC COMMON AREAS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ALL COMMON  
11    LIVING AREAS, DINING AREAS, HALLWAYS, CLASSROOMS AND TIME-OUT ROOMS OF A  
12    FACILITY PROVIDING RESIDENTIAL CARE TO YOUTH SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH  
13    SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS WITH SOUND CAPABILITY.  
14    (B) IN ALL RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES STATEWIDE, FOR CHILDREN WITH MENTAL  
15    DISABILITIES CERTIFIED, LICENSED, FUNDED OR OPERATED BY THE OFFICE,  
16    SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS MAY BE PLACED IN A CHILD'S, AGE THIRTEEN OR YOUNG-  
17    ER, ROOM AT THE REQUEST OF AND WITH THE CONSENT OF THE CHILD'S PARENT OR  
18    GUARDIAN AND ONLY IF THE CHILD IS IN A SINGLE OCCUPANCY BEDROOM.  
19    (C) ANY PROVIDER THAT FAILS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS  
20    SECTION SHALL BE SUBJECTED TO A FINE OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER DAY OF  
21    NONCOMPLIANCES.  
22    S 2. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a  
23    law.

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

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