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IN SENATE

February 1, 2016

Introduced by Sen. ORTT -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to prohibiting fees to be charged to agencies for copies of certain clinical records

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

Section 1. Paragraph 17 of subdivision (c) of section 33.13 of the mental hygiene law, as added by chapter 247 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

17. to the agency designated by the governor pursuant to subdivision (b) of section 558 of the executive law to provide protection and advocacy services and administer the protection and advocacy system as provided for by federal law. SUCH AGENCY SHALL NOT BE CHARGED ANY FEE FOR COPIES OF RECORDS OBTAINED FROM A FACILITY UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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