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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to identification and assessment of human trafficking victims

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

1     Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section  
2     2805-y to read as follows:  
3     S 2805-Y. IDENTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS.  
4     1. AS USED IN THIS SECTION:  
5        (A) "HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIM" SHALL HAVE THE MEANING SET FORTH IN  
6     SECTION FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE-AA OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW;  
7        (B) "SUBJECT FACILITY" SHALL MEAN A GENERAL HOSPITAL, PUBLIC HEALTH  
8     CENTER, DIAGNOSTIC CENTER, TREATMENT CENTER OR OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT.  
9     2. EVERY SUBJECT FACILITY SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE IDENTIFICATION,  
10    ASSESSMENT, AND APPROPRIATE TREATMENT OR REFERRAL OF PERSONS SUSPECTED  
11    AS HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS, AND IN THE CASE OF PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN  
12    YEARS OLD, THE REPORTING OF SUCH PERSONS AS AN ABUSED OR MALTREATED  
13    CHILD IF REQUIRED UNDER TITLE SIX OF ARTICLE SIX OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES  
14    LAW. THE SUBJECT FACILITY SHALL ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT WRITTEN POLICIES  
15    AND PROCEDURES UNDER THIS SECTION WHICH SHALL APPLY TO ALL SERVICE UNITS  
16    OF THE SUBJECT FACILITY.  
17    3. EVERY SUBJECT FACILITY SHALL REQUIRE ALL CURRENT AND NEW NURSING,  
18    MEDICAL, SOCIAL WORK AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CLINICAL CARE PERSONNEL IN  
19    ALL SERVICE UNITS OF THE SUBJECT FACILITY TO COMPLETE TRAINING REGARDING  
20    THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION, INCLUDING  
21    TRAINING IN THE RECOGNITION OF INDICATORS OF A HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIM  
22    AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUCH PERSONNEL IN DEALING WITH PERSONS  
23    SUSPECTED AS HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS. THE TRAINING SHALL BE OBTAINED  
24    FROM AN INSTITUTION OR PROVIDER WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE COMMIS-  
25    SIONER TO PROVIDE SUCH TRAINING.

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

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1 4. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL APPROVE INSTITUTIONS OR PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE  
2 TRAINING UNDER THIS SECTION. THE COMMISSIONER MAY, IN CONSULTATION WITH  
3 THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE AND THE OFFICE OF  
4 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, MAKE REGULATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION.

5 S 2. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a  
6 law; provided however, that effective immediately, the commissioner of  
7 health may make regulations and take other actions necessary to imple-  
8 ment this act on its effective date.