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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 GRADUATED CATEGORIES OF DEGREES OF INJURIES THAT MAY RESULT FROM ASSAULTS OR OTHER OVERT ACTS BY ANY PATIENT CONFINED IN ANY ONE OF THE STATE'S FORENSIC PSYCHIATRIC CENTERS DELINEATED 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 ASSAULTS OR OVERT ACTS BY PATIENTS SO CONFINED RESULTING IN INJURY TO ANY STAFF MEMBER OR OTHER PATIENT AND SHALL LIST THE DEGREES 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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