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Introduced by Sen. GALLIVAN -- 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 adding siblings to the definition of a "qualified person"

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

1     Section 1. Paragraph 6 of subdivision (a) of section 33.16 of the  
2     mental hygiene law, as amended by chapter 37 of the laws of 2011, is  
3     amended to read as follows:  
4     6. "Qualified person" means any properly identified patient or client,  
5     guardian of a person with a developmental disability appointed pursuant  
6     to article seventeen-A of the surrogate's court procedure act, or  
7     committee for an incompetent appointed pursuant to this chapter or a  
8     parent of an infant, or a guardian of an infant appointed pursuant to  
9     article seventeen of the surrogate's court procedure act or other legal-  
10    ly appointed guardian of an infant who may be entitled to request access  
11    to a clinical record pursuant to paragraph three of subdivision (b) of  
12    this section, or a parent, spouse [or], adult child, OR SIBLING of an  
13    adult patient or client who may be entitled to request access to a clin-  
14    ical record pursuant to paragraph four of subdivision (b) of this  
15    section.  
16    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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