

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 23, 2017

Introduced by Sens. GRIFFO, FUNKE, RANZENHOFER -- 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 providing additional discharge planning for persons being released from civil confinement

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 10.09 of the mental hygiene law is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision (i) to read as follows:

3 (i) If the court discharges the respondent from confinement then the
4 court shall order the director of the secure treatment facility to
5 prepare a discharge plan. Such plan shall ensure that the respondent is
6 discharged to his or her county of residence prior to the conviction or
7 commitment, as appropriate, with supervision which shall include the use
8 of electronic monitoring or global positioning satellite tracking for an
9 appropriate period of time to be determined by the court. The respondent
10 shall be provided suitable clothing adapted to the season in which he or
11 she is discharged and such clothing shall not exceed sixty-five dollars
12 in value. Such plan shall also provide for transportation to such resi-
13 dence and include referral to any services which the commissioner deems
14 appropriate in the community of residence, including medication, after-
15 care services and assistance in finding employment following discharge
16 as provided in section 29.15 of this chapter.

17 § 2. Section 10.11 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding a
18 new subdivision (i) to read as follows:

19 (i) If the court discharges the respondent from the regimen of strict
20 and intensive supervision then the court shall order the director of the
21 secure treatment facility to prepare a discharge plan. Such plan shall
22 ensure that the respondent is discharged to his or her county of resi-
23 dence prior to the conviction or commitment, as appropriate, with super-

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

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10 of this chapter.

11 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
12 it shall have become a law.