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AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to requiring the anchoring of furniture and electronics in child day care centers, public institutions for children and certain other facilities

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

Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section 390-l to read as follows:

§ 390-l. Securing of furniture. 1. This section shall apply to any agency boarding home, group home, child day care center, public institution for children, or any authorized agency not including a foster home, family day care center or group family day care center.

2. Any facility to which this section applies shall take measures to securely anchor to the floors or walls of such facility all items of large furniture and all electronic appliances capable of being tipped over due to design, height, weight, stability or other features, using angle-braces, anchors or other anchoring devices. Any item of furniture or electronic device which cannot be so anchored shall be removed from the facility.

3. If a violation of the provisions of this section is discovered by the office of children and family services or any local social services district authorized to inspect the facility at which the violation occurs, the agency discovering the violation shall provide written

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

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notice of the violation to the operator of the facility and to the office of children and family services if such office is not the inspecting agency within ten calendar days of the discovery of the violation. The operator of the facility shall correct the violation immediately, upon notice. If the violation is not corrected, the office of children and family services may take enforcement action in accordance with the applicable sections of state law.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.