

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. ALCANTARA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to reviewing suicide prevention programs periodically

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

1 Section 1. Section 7.07 of mental hygiene law is amended by adding a  
2 new subdivision (g) to read as follows:

3 (g) The office shall periodically, in consultation with the department  
4 of health, review suicide prevention programs established by the office  
5 to ensure that the needs of individuals at risk of suicide are being met  
6 and make recommendations to improve such programs, which shall include  
7 but not be limited to: (1) cultural and linguistic competency; and (2)  
8 best practices for screening and interventions aimed at addressing  
9 suicide risk factors for minority groups, including membership in racial  
10 and ethnic, religious, sexual and gender minority groups.

11 § 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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