STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

July 24, 2020

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Frontus) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Mental Health

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to requiring emergency services facilities to provide immediate suicide risk assessments to acute psychiatric patients

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

Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section 33.29 to read as follows:

§ 33.29 Emergency services facilities immediate assessment of suicide risk.

(a) For purposes of this section, "emergency services facilities" shall mean buildings, structures, equipment or systems used to provide emergency medical services to individuals who require immediate medical attention.

(b) Emergency services facilities shall provide for, as part of their patient intake process, the immediate assessment of suicide risk in an acute psychiatric patient who arrives to such facility seeking medical attention.

(c) Emergency services facilities shall maintain a licensed mental health professional or emergency services personnel who have completed coursework or applied experience under supervision in suicide risk assessment and intervention on staff and available during all hours of operation in order to provide for the immediate assessment of suicide risk as described in subdivision (b) of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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