STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 14, 2019

Introduced by M. of A. CROUCH, McDONOUGH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to mandatory counseling for minor victims of a sex offense and the parent or guardian of such victims

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

Section 1. Section 625 of the executive law is amended by adding a new 2 subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

2-a. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of this article, and 4 without regard to the financial difficulty of the claimant, a victim of 5 a sex offense, as such sex offense is defined in article one hundred 6 thirty of the penal law, and the parent or guardian of such victim if such victim is a minor, shall obtain counseling from a psychiatrist or 8 licensed psychologist prior to filing a claim for receipt of an award 9 pursuant to this article. A letter issued from such victim's treating 10 psychiatrist or licensed psychologist shall be filed along with such 11 victim's claim.

12 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall

13 have become a law.

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

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