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 subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

2-a. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of this article, and without regard to the financial difficulty of the claimant, a victim of a sex offense, as such sex offense is defined in article one hundred 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 licensed psychologist prior to filing a claim for receipt of an award pursuant to this article. A letter issued from such victim's treating psychiatrist or licensed psychologist shall be filed along with such victim's claim.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth 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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