STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

May 7, 2019

Introduced by M. of A. GUNTHER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Mental Health

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to rental and mortgage payments of supportive housing for the mentally ill

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

Section 1. Section 41.38 of the mental hygiene law, as amended by chapter 218 of the laws of 1988, is amended to read as follows:

§ 41.38 Rental and mortgage payments of community residential facilities for the mentally ill.

Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of this article, the commissioner may reimburse voluntary agencies for the reasonable cost of rental of or the reasonable mortgage payment or the reasonable principal and interest payment on a loan for the purpose of financing an ownership interest in, and proprietary lease from, an organization formed for the purpose of the cooperative ownership of real estate, together with other necessary costs associated with rental or ownership of property, for a community residence [~~or~~], a residential care center for adults**, or supportive housing** under his **or her** jurisdiction less any income received from a state or federal agency or third party insurer which is specifically intended to offset the cost of rental of the facility or housing a client at the facility **or of the supportive housing**, subject to the availability of appropriations therefor and such commissioner's certification of the reasonableness of the rental cost, mortgage payment, principal and interest payment on a loan as provided in this section or other necessary costs associated with rental or ownership of property, with the approval of the director of the budget.

§ 2. This act shall take effect April 1, 2020.

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

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