

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

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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:

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

3 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  
7 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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