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Introduced by M. of A. L. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Children and Families -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to requiring the anchoring of furniture and electronics in child day care centers and certain other facilities

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

Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section 390-1 to read as follows:

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- § 390-1. Securing of furniture. 1. This section shall apply to any child day care center as defined in paragraph (c) of subdivision one of section three hundred ninety of this title, or any authorized agency as 6 <u>defined</u> in paragraph (a) of subdivision ten of section three hundred seventy-one of this title, including any agency boarding home or group home.
- 9 2. Any facility to which this section applies shall take measures to 10 securely anchor to the floors or walls of such facility all items of large furniture and all electronic appliances capable of being tipped 11 over due to design, height, weight, stability or other features, using 12 angle-braces, anchors or other anchoring devices. Any item of furniture 13 or electronic device which cannot be so anchored shall be removed from 14 15 the facility.
- 16 3. If a violation of the provisions of this section is discovered by 17 the office of children and family services or any local social services 18 district authorized to inspect the facility at which the violation 19 occurs, the agency discovering the violation shall provide written 20 notice of the violation to the operator of the facility and to the 21 office of children and family services if such office is not the

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

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inspecting agency within ten calendar days of the discovery of the violation. The operator of the facility shall correct the violation immediately, upon notice. If the violation is not corrected, the office of children and family services may take enforcement action in accordance with the applicable sections of state law.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.