

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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Introduced by M. of A. ARROYO, DAVILA, DE LA ROSA, CRUZ, FERNANDEZ, RIVERA, RAMOS, RODRIGUEZ, DILAN, CRESPO, REYES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to establish the infrastructure and functions of a 9-8-8 hotline for a suicide prevention hotline in New York state

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

1 Section 1. The department of public service shall establish a suicide  
2 prevention hotline. The infrastructure and functions of the hotline  
3 shall (1) provide for 9-8-8 designation, allowing dedicated access for  
4 individuals experiencing suicidal thoughts or related mental health  
5 episodes and (2) follow those established in contracts through the  
6 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

7 § 2. Should additional or expanded capacity be deemed necessary by the  
8 department, the state shall consider contracting with 2-1-1 New York for  
9 the operation of such hotline as established by this act.

10 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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