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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:

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

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

§ 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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