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IN SENATE

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January 8, 2020

Introduced by Sen. CARLUCCI -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to authorizing certain legislators to visit office of mental health and office for people with developmental disabilities operated and certified facilities

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

Section 1. Section 7.17 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new subdivision (g) to read as follows:

(g) The following persons shall be authorized to visit at pleasure all facilities and hospitals operated under this article: governor and lieutenant-governor, commissioner of general services, secretary of state, comptroller and attorney-general, members of the legislature and their accompanying staff, judges of the court of appeals, supreme court and county judges, district attorneys and every clergyman or minister, as such terms are defined in section two of the religious corporations law, having charge of a congregation in the county wherein any such facility is situated.

§ 2. Section 13.17 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new subdivision (e) to read as follows:

(e) The following persons shall be authorized to visit at pleasure all facilities and hospitals operated under this article: governor and lieutenant-governor, commissioner of general services, secretary of state, comptroller and attorney-general, members of the legislature and their accompanying staff, judges of the court of appeals, supreme court and county judges, district attorneys and every clergyman or minister, as such terms are defined in section two of the religious corporations law, having charge of a congregation in the county wherein any such facility is situated.

§ 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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