STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 7, 2021

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

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to fees for services rendered to patients held in state inpatient facilities pursuant to court orders

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

Section 1. Subdivision (c) of section 43.03 of the mental hygiene law, as amended by chapter 7 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Patients receiving services while being held pursuant to order of a criminal court, other than patients committed to the department pursuant to section 330.20 of the criminal procedure law, or for examination pursuant to an order of the family court shall not be liable to the department for such services. Fees due the department for such services shall be paid by the county in which such court is located [~~except that counties~~] **for up to and including only the first thirty days of services. Counties** shall not be responsible for the cost of services rendered patients committed to the department pursuant to section 330.20 of the criminal procedure law or patients committed to the department pursuant to article ten of this chapter.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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