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Introduced by Sen. SEPULVEDA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to inmates with a serious mental illness

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

Section 1. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (e) of subdivision 6 of section 137 of the correction law, as added by chapter 1 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

(i) he or she [~~has a current diagnosis of, or is diagnosed at the initial or any subsequent assessment conducted during the inmate's segregated confinement with, one or more of the following types of Axis I diagnoses, as described in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, and such diagnoses shall be made based upon all relevant clinical factors, including but not limited to symptoms related to such diagnoses:~~

~~(A) schizophrenia (all sub-types),~~

~~(B) delusional disorder,~~

~~(C) schizophreniform disorder,~~

~~(D) schizoaffective disorder,~~

~~(E) brief psychotic disorder,~~

~~(F) substance-induced psychotic disorder (excluding intoxication and withdrawal),~~

~~(G) psychotic disorder not otherwise specified,~~

~~(H) major depressive disorders, or~~

~~(I) bipolar disorder I and II~~] **is a person with a serious mental illness, as defined in subdivision fifty-two of section 1.03 of the mental hygiene law**;

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after 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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