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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. REICHLIN-MELNICK -- 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 incident notifications and reports

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (a) of section 33.23 of the mental hygiene law,  
2 as added by chapter 24 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 (a) The director of a facility, as defined in subdivision six of  
5 section 1.03 of this chapter, shall provide telephone notice of an inci-  
6 dent involving a patient receiving care and treatment at such facility  
7 to a qualified person, as defined in paragraph six of subdivision (a) of  
8 section 33.16 of this article. Such notice shall be provided within  
9 twenty-four hours of the initial report of such incident. For the  
10 purposes of this section, "incident" shall mean an accident or injury  
11 that affects the health or safety of a patient. [~~Upon the request of a~~  
12 ~~qualified person~~] Within ten days of the incident, the director shall  
13 [~~promptly~~] provide to [~~him or her~~] the qualified person a copy of the  
14 written incident report, provided that [~~the names and other~~] personally  
15 identifying information of patients and employees shall not be included  
16 unless such patients and employees authorize disclosure[~~-. The director~~  
17 ~~of the facility shall also~~], offer to hold a meeting with such qualified  
18 person to further discuss the incident[~~-. In addition, within ten days,~~  
19 ~~the director of the facility shall~~], and provide such qualified person  
20 with a written report on the actions taken to address the incident. The  
21 director may offer to provide all reports to the qualified person elec-  
22 tronically.

23 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
24 have become a law.

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

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