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Introduced by M. of A. ABINANTI -- read once and referred to the Committee on People with Disabilities

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to requiring the installation of surveillance cameras with sound capability in public common areas of certain residential facilities, community residences, and residential and day schools and programs

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

Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section 16.24 to read as follows:

§ 16.24 Surveillance cameras.

(a) The department shall install surveillance cameras with sound capability in the public common areas in all residential facilities, community residences, and residential and day schools and programs that provide services for individuals with developmental disabilities and are certified, funded, operated or subject to licensure by the office for people with developmental disabilities.

(b) As used in this section, "public common areas" include, but not limited to, common living areas, dining areas, hallways, classrooms, lobbies and time-out rooms, but excluded public restrooms.

(c) Any provider that fails to implement the provisions of this section may be subject to a fine of up to one thousand dollars per day of noncompliance.

§ 2. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such date.

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

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