

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. MANNION -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Disabilities

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to the appointment of members to the developmental disabilities advisory council

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (a) of section 13.05 of the mental hygiene law,  
2 as amended by chapter 37 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 (a) There is hereby established a developmental disabilities advisory  
5 council. The council shall consist of the commissioner, the chairman of  
6 the conference of local mental hygiene directors or his designee, eight  
7 members to be appointed by the temporary president of the senate, eight  
8 members to be appointed by the speaker of the assembly and at least  
9 [~~thirty-three~~ seventeen members to be appointed by the governor.  
10 Members shall be appointed only if they have demonstrated an active  
11 interest in or have obtained professional knowledge in the care of  
12 persons with developmental disabilities or in the field of developmental  
13 disabilities generally. The governor shall designate one of the  
14 appointed members as chair. The council shall at all times include in  
15 its membership representatives of community service board developmental  
16 disabilities subcommittees, providers of services and non-governmental  
17 organizations concerned with services for persons with developmental  
18 disabilities. At least one-third of the membership of the advisory coun-  
19 cil shall consist of consumer representatives including persons with  
20 developmental disabilities, or their parents or guardians.

21 § 2. 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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