

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SALAZAR -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to mental health training for intake workers at homeless shelters

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

1 Section 1. Section 17 of the social services law is amended by adding  
2 a new subdivision (e-1) to read as follows:

3 (e-1) in conjunction with the commissioner of the office for mental  
4 health, develop and require participation of all employees or volunteers  
5 at a homeless shelter who provide intake services in a training course.  
6 Such course shall focus on best practices for identifying individuals  
7 with signs of mental illness and for connecting individuals who suffer,  
8 or are reasonably likely to suffer from mental illness with all appro-  
9 priate services. Such training shall be conducted live and in person so  
10 that the trainer can interact with the trainees.

11 § 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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