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Introduced by M. of A. SANTABARBARA, BUTTENSCHON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Employees -- recommitted to the Committee on Governmental Employees in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the civil service law, in relation to access to certain mental health care services for emergency dispatchers and correction officers

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

Section 1. The civil service law is amended by adding a new section 155 to read as follows:

§ 155. Access to post-traumatic stress disorder treatment for correction officers and emergency dispatchers. 1. Correction officers and emergency dispatchers employed by a municipality shall be entitled to the same benefits and services for the diagnosis and treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder as are afforded police officers and firefighters employed by such municipality, and such benefits and services shall be accessed through the same policies and procedures.

2. Any collective bargaining agreement or employment contract entered into by a municipality and an employee or an employee organization representing emergency dispatchers or correction officers employed by such municipality shall provide the same benefits and services for the diagnosis and treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder as provided to police officers and firefighters employed by such municipality, which shall be accessed through the same policies and procedures, provided, however, that nothing contained in this section shall prohibit an employee organization representing emergency dispatchers and correction officers employed by a municipality from seeking to provide greater benefits and services for the diagnosis and treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder than those provided to police officers and firefighters employed by such municipality.

§ 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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