STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 30, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to authorizing surveillance cameras in group homes funded or operated by the office for people with developmental disabilities

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 16.39 to read as follows:

§ 16.39 Surveillance cameras in group homes.

The office is authorized to install surveillance cameras with sound capability in all public common areas including, but not limited to, all common living areas, dining areas, hallways, classrooms and time-out rooms in all group homes funded or operated by the office which provide services for children or adults with mental or physical disabilities.

§ 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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