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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. FORREST -- read once and referred to the Committee on Mental Health

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to requiring suicide prevention hotline centers to meet certain requirements for individuals who are in the perinatal period

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph 7 of subdivision (c) of section 36.03 of the  
2 mental hygiene law, as added by section 2 of part EE of chapter 57 of  
3 the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

4 (7) A designated hotline center shall meet the requirements set forth  
5 by New York State and the NSPL for serving high risk and specialized  
6 populations including but not limited to: Black, African American,  
7 Hispanic, Latino, Asian, Pacific Islander, Native American, Alaskan  
8 Native; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, nonbinary, queer, and ques-  
9 tioning individuals; veterans; members of rural communities; individuals  
10 with intellectual and developmental disabilities; individuals experienc-  
11 ing homelessness or housing instability; individuals who are currently  
12 in the perinatal period; immigrants and refugees; children and youth;  
13 older adults; and religious communities as identified by the federal  
14 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, including  
15 training requirements and policies for providing linguistically and  
16 culturally competent care.

17 § 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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