STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to establishing integrated community mental health clinics

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 41.59 to read as follows:

§ 41.59 Integrated community mental health clinics.

(a) The commissioner is authorized, within appropriations made therefor, to establish integrated community mental health clinics.

(b) The commissioner shall establish standards for the operation and funding of such clinics, including but not limited to:

1. guidelines for integrated services to address mental health issues, anger management issues, substance abuse issues and isolation issues;

2. periodic evaluation of services provided by such clinics;

3. staffing patterns for such clinics; and

4. guidelines for determining state aid to such clinics.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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