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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. MARTINEZ, ASHBY -- read twice and ordered printed,  
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Disabilities

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to adding spina  
bifida to the definition of developmental disability

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph 1 of paragraph (a) of subdivision 22 of  
2 section 1.03 of the mental hygiene law, as amended by chapter 114 of the  
3 laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) is attributable to intellectual disability, cerebral palsy,  
5 epilepsy, neurological impairment, familial dysautonomia, Prader-Willi  
6 syndrome, spina bifida or autism;

7 § 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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