STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 17, 2025

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Mental Health

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to ensuring that the office of mental health and the office for people with developmental disabilities provide materials to individuals in different languages

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

Section 1. Section 7.07 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new subdivision (i) to read as follows:

(i) The office shall provide all materials, including but not limited to, documents, instructions, applications and forms, in English and the six most common non-English languages spoken by individuals with limited-English proficiency in the state of New York, based on United States census data.

§ 2. Section 13.07 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new subdivision (f) to read as follows:

(f) The office shall provide all materials, including but not limited to, documents, instructions, applications and forms, in English and the six most common non-English languages spoken by individuals with limited-English proficiency in the state of New York, based on United States census data.

§ 3. 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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