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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. BROUK -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to requiring documents utilized by state agencies, public authorities and municipalities to replace the term "emotionally disturbed person" with the term "person experiencing an emotional crisis"

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

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 170-j to read as follows:

§ 170-j. Mental health references contained in state and municipal forms. No form, preprinted document, other public-facing document, training material, agency guidance, or manual utilized by a state agency, public authority or municipality shall use the term "emotionally disturbed person" to identify or denote a person experiencing emotional distress or an emotional or mental health crisis. All forms or preprinted documents, other public-facing documents, training materials, agency guidance or manuals utilizing such term shall be amended no later than January first, two thousand twenty-six to replace the term "emotionally disturbed person" with the term "person experiencing an emotional crisis".

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth 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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