

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SANTABARBARA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Employees

AN ACT to amend the civil service law, in relation to access to certain mental health care services for emergency dispatchers and correction officers

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

1 Section 1. The civil service law is amended by adding a new section
2 155 to read as follows:

3 § 155. Access to post-traumatic stress disorder treatment for
4 correction officers and emergency dispatchers. 1. Correction officers
5 and emergency dispatchers employed by a municipality shall be entitled
6 to the same benefits and services for the diagnosis and treatment of
7 post-traumatic stress disorder as are afforded police officers and fire-
8 fighters employed by such municipality, and such benefits and services
9 shall be accessed through the same policies and procedures.

10 2. Any collective bargaining agreement or employment contract entered
11 into by a municipality and an employee or an employee organization
12 representing emergency dispatchers or correction officers employed by
13 such municipality shall provide the same benefits and services for the
14 diagnosis and treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder as provided to
15 police officers and firefighters employed by such municipality, which
16 shall be accessed through the same policies and procedures, provided,
17 however, that nothing contained in this section shall prohibit an
18 employee organization representing emergency dispatchers and correction
19 officers employed by a municipality from seeking to provide greater
20 benefits and services for the diagnosis and treatment of post-traumatic
21 stress disorder than those provided to police officers and firefighters
22 employed by such municipality.

23 § 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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