

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 21, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law and the public health law, in relation to including avoidant/restrictive food intake disorders as eating disorders for the purposes of mental health

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (a) of section 30.02 of the mental hygiene law,
2 as added by section 9 of part AA of chapter 56 of the laws of 2020, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (a) "Eating disorder" is defined to include, but not be limited to,
5 conditions such as anorexia nervosa, bulimia [~~and~~], binge eating disorder
6 and avoidant/restrictive food intake disorder, identified as such in
7 the [~~ICD-9-CM~~] most current edition of the International Classification
8 of Disease or [~~the most current edition of the~~] Diagnostic and Statistical
9 Manual of Mental Disorders, or other medical and mental health
10 diagnostic references generally accepted for standard use by the medical
11 and mental health fields.

12 § 2. Paragraph (j) of subdivision 1 of section 207 of the public
13 health law, as added by chapter 360 of the laws of 2014, is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (j) The eating disorders awareness and prevention program shall be
16 designed to promote the awareness of eating disorders as defined in
17 section 30.02 of the mental hygiene law and available services, as well
18 as to prevent and reduce the incidence and prevalence of eating disorders,
19 especially among children and adolescents.

20 § 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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