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:

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

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

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

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

§ 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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