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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 Mental Health

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to involuntary emergency admission of persons alleged to be mentally ill

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

- 1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2 "Jesse's law".  
3 § 2. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section 9.42  
4 to read as follows:  
5 § 9.42 Patient's right to choose a qualified hospital for involuntary  
6 emergency admission.  
7 In the event that a police officer or peace officer is involuntarily  
8 removing a person to a hospital under the provisions of section 9.41 of  
9 this article, that person may choose the hospital to which they are  
10 admitted as long as the hospital meets the criteria specified in subdi-  
11 vision (a) of section 9.39 of this article, has adequate space and  
12 staffing, and is no more than fifty miles from the location at which the  
13 person is taken into custody.  
14 § 3. Within 60 days of the effective date of this act, the department  
15 of mental hygiene shall distribute to each county sheriff a list of all  
16 hospitals that meet the criteria specified in subdivision (a) of section  
17 9.39 of the mental hygiene law. The department shall distribute an  
18 updated list any time a hospital gains or loses 9.39 certification.  
19 § 4. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
20 have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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