

CHAPTER 422

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to requiring state oversight agencies to ensure that certain facilities and provider agencies have policies and procedures in place to identify and report possible crimes against a service recipient by a custodian

Became a law November 29, 2017, with the approval of the Governor.  
Passed by a majority vote, three-fifths being present.

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

Section 1. Section 491 of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

**5. State oversight agencies shall ensure that all facilities or provider agencies operated, licensed, or certified by such state oversight agencies have policies and procedures in place to identify and report possible crimes against a service recipient by a custodian. State oversight agencies shall provide guidance to facilities or provider agencies operated, licensed, or certified by such state oversight agencies that do not already have policies and procedures for the identification and reporting of possible crimes.**

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

The Legislature of the STATE OF NEW YORK **ss:**

Pursuant to the authority vested in us by section 70-b of the Public Officers Law, we hereby jointly certify that this slip copy of this session law was printed under our direction and, in accordance with such section, is entitled to be read into evidence.

JOHN J. FLANAGAN  
**Temporary President of the Senate**

CARL E. HEASTIE  
**Speaker of the Assembly**

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