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**An Act To Cut the Cost of Behavioral Health Care in  
Hospital Emergency Rooms and To Enhance Access  
to Peer Support and Community-based Services**

**CONCEPT DRAFT SUMMARY**

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to provide community-based mental health and substance abuse providers in emergency rooms to triage both mental health and substance abuse patients, in order to refer such patients to more appropriate and less expensive community-based treatment, and use the savings to increase access to peer support services.