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T.1.1 (p236) | Name of law, Public law no., Statutes at Large citation (year) [omit year if year is part of the name of the law] | Health Professions Education Extension Amendments of 1992,  
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| New York statutes—session laws              | 12.4 (p125-26)  
T.1.3 (p283) | Name of law, Year Abbreviated name of session law compilation Page no.          | Geriatric Mental Health Act, 2005  
N.Y. Laws 3349.                                                                               |


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