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AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to requiring a representative of veteran and alcoholism or substance abuse programs and a representative who is a veteran that served in combat and is recovering from alcohol and/or substance abuse to the advisory council on alcoholism and substance abuse services

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Paragraphs 1 and 2 of subdivision (a) of section 19.05 of the mental hygiene law, as amended by chapter 259 of the laws of 2008, are amended to read as follows:

(1) ten consumer representatives, including persons who are recovering from alcohol and/or substance abuse or significant others of patients or former patients or patient advocates, or representatives of advocacy and prevention organizations. OF THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENTS, ONE SHALL BE A VETERAN WHO HAS SERVED IN A COMBAT THEATER OR COMBAT ZONE OF OPERATIONS AND IS A MEMBER OF A VETERANS ORGANIZATION;

(2) ten representatives of providers of services to persons who abuse or are dependent on alcohol and/or substances or engage in problem gambling, including but not limited to representatives of free standing inpatient alcoholism or substance abuse facilities, general hospitals, residential facilities for persons who abuse or are dependent on alcohol and/or substances, methadone maintenance programs, outpatient facilities for persons who abuse or are dependent on alcohol and/or substances, and prevention and gambling programs, at least one of whom shall be a physi-

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

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cian, AND ONE WHO HAS PROVIDED SERVICES TO VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED IN A COMBAT THEATER OR COMBAT ZONE OF OPERATIONS and not more than two shall represent each group of facilities; and

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall only apply to vacancies occurring on or after such effective date.