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Introduced by Sen. HUNTLEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to defining the scope of responsibilities of the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services regarding recovery services for veterans

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

Section 1. Section 19.07 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new subdivision (i) to read as follows:

(I) THE OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES SHALL PERIODICALLY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS: (1) REVIEW THE PROGRAMS OPERATED BY THE OFFICE TO ENSURE THAT THE NEEDS OF THE STATE'S VETERANS WHO SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES AND WHO ARE RECOVERING FROM ALCOHOL AND/OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARE BEING MET AND TO DEVELOP IMPROVEMENTS TO PROGRAMS TO MEET SUCH NEEDS; AND (2) IN COLLABORATION WITH THE STATE DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND THE COMMISSIONER OF THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH, REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE TREATMENT, REHABILITATION, RELAPSE PREVENTION, AND RECOVERY SERVICES TO VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED IN A COMBAT THEATRE OR COMBAT ZONE OF OPERATIONS AND HAVE A CO-OCCURRING MENTAL HEALTH AND ALCOHOLISM OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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