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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. TKACZYK -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to the prescription of certain medications which have an increased risk of suicidal behavior

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

- Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section 7.45 to read as follows:
 - S 7.45 PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS; SUICIDE RISK.

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- (A) NO PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION PRESCRIBED IN THIS STATE WHICH HAS AN INCREASED RISK OF SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR IN INDIVIDUALS AND IS REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL DRUG ADMINISTRATION TO BE PRESCRIBED WITH A BLACK BOX LABEL WARNING SHALL BE DISPENSED, DISPERSED OR OTHERWISE GIVEN TO ANY PERSON, UNLESS THE PERSON FOR WHOM SUCH PRESCRIPTION WAS WRITTEN HAS:
- 9 (1) CONSULTED WITH THE PHARMACIST DISPENSING SUCH MEDICATION REGARDING 10 THE INCREASED RISK OF SUICIDE AND SUICIDAL SIDE EFFECTS ASSOCIATED WITH 11 THE DRUG;
- 12 (2) RECEIVED THE TOLL-FREE SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE TELEPHONE 13 NUMBER ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE;
 - (3) RECEIVED THE SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE WEBSITE INTERNET ADDRESS ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE; AND
- (4) RECEIVED A PAMPHLET PUBLISHED BY THE 16 OFFICE SETTING FORTH ALL 17 RELEVANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE INCREASED RISK OF SUICIDE AND SUICIDAL SIDE EFFECTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DRUG, 18 INCLUDING, BUT NOT 19 LIMITED TO, INFORMATION SETTING FORTH THE WARNING SIGNS ASSOCIATED WITH 20 SUCH SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE OFFICE DEEMS 21 VANT.
- 22 (B) ANY CONSULTATION REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH ONE OF SUBDIVISION (A) OF 23 THIS SECTION WITH A PERSON SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER SHALL 24 REQUIRE THAT A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF SUCH PERSON BE IN ATTENDANCE 25 DURING SUCH CONSULTATION.

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

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(C) THE OFFICE IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO PROMULGATE ANY RULES AND REGULATIONS AND PREPARE PAMPHLETS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth 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 is authorized to be made and completed on or before such date.