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AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to requiring certain persons providing substance abuse treatment on counseling to complete training in medication assisted treatment

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 19.31 to read as follows:

S 19.31 MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT TRAINING REQUIREMENT.

EVERY PERSON WHO IS A CREDENTIALED ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (D) OF SECTION 19.07 OF THIS ARTICLE OR A QUALIFIED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL WHO PROVIDES TREATMENT OR COUNSELING SERVICES AT A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER FACILITY, AT A SCHOOL OR PURSUANT TO THE DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT ACT OF 2000, SHALL, WITHIN EIGHTEEN MONTHS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION OR WITHIN ONE YEAR OF COMMENCING THE PROVISION OF ANY SUCH TREATMENT OR COUNSELING, WHICHEVER SHALL BE LATER, SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A COURSE OF INSTRUCTION RELATING TO MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT APPROVED BY THE OFFICE.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law. Provided, 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 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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