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Introduced by Sens. HANNON, MURPHY, GALLIVAN, KENNEDY, O'MARA, ORTT, PANEPINTO, RIVERA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- recommitted to the Committee on Health in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the prescription pain medication awareness program; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1     Section 1. Section 3309-a of the public health law, as added by  
2     section 52 of part D of chapter 56 of the laws of 2012, subparagraphs  
3     (i), (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 as amended and  
4     subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 as added by section  
5     1 and subdivisions 3 and 4 as amended by section 2 of part D of chapter  
6     447 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:  
7     S 3309-a. Prescription pain medication awareness program. 1. There is  
8     hereby established within the department a prescription pain medication  
9     awareness program to educate the public and health care practitioners  
10    about the risks associated with prescribing and taking controlled  
11    substance pain medications.  
12    2. Within the amounts appropriated, the commissioner, in consultation  
13    with the commissioner of the office of alcoholism and substance abuse  
14    services, shall[:  
15    (a) Develop] DEVELOP and conduct a public health education media  
16    campaign designed to alert youth, parents and the general population  
17    about the risks associated with prescription pain medications and the  
18    need to properly dispose of any unused medication. In developing this  
19    campaign, the commissioner shall consult with and use information  
20    provided by the work group established pursuant to subdivision [(b)]  
21    FOUR of this section and other relevant professional organizations. The  
22    campaign shall include an internet website providing information for  
23    parents, children and health care professionals on the risks associated

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

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1 with taking opioids and resources available to those needing assistance  
2 with prescription pain medication addiction. Such website shall also  
3 provide information regarding where individuals may properly dispose of  
4 controlled substances in their community and include active links to  
5 further information and resources. The campaign shall begin no later  
6 than September first, two thousand twelve.

7 [(b)] 3. THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF  
8 EDUCATION, SHALL ESTABLISH STANDARDS, AND REVIEW AND IMPLEMENT REQUIRE-  
9 MENTS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION ON PAIN  
10 MANAGEMENT, PALLIATIVE CARE AND ADDICTION. EVERY HEALTH CARE PROFES-  
11 SIONAL LICENSED, REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED UNDER TITLE EIGHT OF THE EDUCA-  
12 TION LAW TO TREAT HUMANS AND REGISTERED UNDER THE FEDERAL CONTROLLED  
13 SUBSTANCES ACT AND IN POSSESSION OF A REGISTRATION NUMBER FROM THE DRUG  
14 ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OR ITS  
15 SUCCESSOR AGENCY, SHALL, PRIOR TO RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE,  
16 COMPLETE THREE HOURS OF COURSE WORK AS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION;  
17 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SAID HOURS SHALL BE DEEMED TO COUNT TOWARD THE  
18 PROFESSIONAL'S OBLIGATION FOR BOARD CERTIFICATION OR EXISTING CONTINUING  
19 EDUCATION REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSURE.

20 (A) EXISTING CURRICULA, INCLUDING CURRICULA DEVELOPED BY A NATIONALLY  
21 RECOGNIZED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL, SPECIALTY, OR PROVIDER ASSOCIATION,  
22 OR NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PAIN MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, MAY BE CONSIDERED  
23 IN IMPLEMENTING THIS SECTION.

24 (B) CURRICULA SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO: I-STOP AND DRUG  
25 ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESCRIBING CONTROLLED  
26 SUBSTANCES; PAIN MANAGEMENT; APPROPRIATE PRESCRIBING; MANAGING ACUTE  
27 PAIN; PALLIATIVE MEDICINE; PREVENTION, SCREENING AND SIGNS OF ADDICTION;  
28 RESPONSES TO ABUSE AND ADDICTION; AND END OF LIFE CARE.

29 (C) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FROM THIS REQUIREMENT  
30 TO ANYONE WHO REQUESTS SUCH AN EXEMPTION AND WHO DEMONSTRATES TO THE  
31 COMMISSIONER'S SATISFACTION THAT:

32 (I) THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR HIM OR HER TO COMPLETE SUCH COURSE WORK  
33 OR TRAINING BECAUSE OF THE NATURE, AREA OR SPECIALTY OF HIS OR HER PRAC-  
34 TICE; OR

35 (II) HE OR SHE HAS COMPLETED COURSE WORK OR TRAINING DEEMED BY THE  
36 COMMISSIONER TO BE EQUIVALENT TO THE STANDARDS FOR COURSE WORK OR TRAIN-  
37 ING APPROVED UNDER THIS SECTION.

38 (D) THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCA-  
39 TION AND STAKEHOLDERS SHALL REPORT TO THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE  
40 SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY AND THE CHAIRS OF THE HEALTH AND  
41 HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEES NO LATER THAN THREE YEARS AFTER THE EFFEC-  
42 TIVE DATE OF THIS SUBDIVISION ON THE SUCCESS AND IMPACT OF THIS SECTION  
43 AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS.

44 4. Establish a work group, no later than June first, two thousand  
45 twelve, which shall be composed of experts in the fields of palliative  
46 and chronic care pain management and addiction medicine. Members of the  
47 work group shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall  
48 be allowed actual and necessary expenses in the performance of their  
49 duties pursuant to this section. The work group shall:

50 [(i)] (A) Report to the commissioner regarding the development of  
51 recommendations and model courses for continuing medical education,  
52 refresher courses and other training materials for licensed health care  
53 professionals on appropriate use of prescription pain medication. Such  
54 recommendations, model courses and other training materials shall be  
55 submitted to the commissioner, who shall make such information available  
56 for the use in medical education, residency programs, fellowship

1 programs, and for use in continuing medication education programs no  
2 later than January first, two thousand thirteen. Such recommendations  
3 also shall include recommendations on: [(A)] (I) educational and contin-  
4 uing medical education requirements for practitioners appropriate to  
5 address prescription pain medication awareness among health care profes-  
6 sionals; [(B)] (II) continuing education requirements for pharmacists  
7 related to prescription pain medication awareness; and [(C)] (III)  
8 continuing education in palliative care as it relates to pain manage-  
9 ment, for which purpose the work group shall consult the New York state  
10 palliative care education and training council;

11 [(ii)] (B) No later than January first, two thousand thirteen, provide  
12 outreach and assistance to health care professional organizations to  
13 encourage and facilitate continuing medical education training programs  
14 for their members regarding appropriate prescribing practices for the  
15 best patient care and the risks associated with overprescribing and  
16 underprescribing pain medication;

17 [(iii)] (C) Provide information to the commissioner for use in the  
18 development and continued update of the public awareness campaign,  
19 including information, resources, and active web links that should be  
20 included on the website; and

21 [(iv)] (D) Consider other issues deemed relevant by the commissioner,  
22 including how to protect and promote the access of patients with a  
23 legitimate need for controlled substances, particularly medications  
24 needed for pain management by oncology patients, and whether and how to  
25 encourage or require the use or substitution of opioid drugs that employ  
26 tamper-resistance technology as a mechanism for reducing abuse and  
27 diversion of opioid drugs.

28 [3.] 5. On or before September first, two thousand twelve, the commis-  
29 sioner, in consultation with the commissioner of the office of alcohol-  
30 ism and substance abuse services, the commissioner of education, and the  
31 executive secretary of the state board of pharmacy, shall add to the  
32 workgroup such additional members as appropriate so that the workgroup  
33 may provide guidance in furtherance of the implementation of the I-STOP  
34 act. For such purposes, the workgroup shall include but not be limited  
35 to consumer advisory organizations, health care practitioners and  
36 providers, oncologists, addiction treatment providers, practitioners  
37 with experience in pain management, pharmacists and pharmacies, and  
38 representatives of law enforcement agencies.

39 [4.] 6. The commissioner shall report to the governor, the temporary  
40 president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly no later than  
41 March first, two thousand thirteen, and annually thereafter, on the work  
42 group's findings. The report shall include information on opioid over-  
43 dose deaths, emergency room utilization for the treatment of opioid  
44 overdose, the utilization of pre-hospital addiction services and recom-  
45 mendations to reduce opioid addiction and the consequences thereof. The  
46 report shall also include a recommendation as to whether subdivision two  
47 of section thirty-three hundred forty-three-a of this article should be  
48 amended to require practitioners prescribing or dispensing certain iden-  
49 tified schedule V controlled substances to comply with the consultation  
50 requirements of such subdivision.

51 S 2. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a  
52 law and shall expire and be deemed repealed 4 years after such date.  
53 Provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment  
54 and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation  
55 of this act on its effective date is authorized and directed to be made  
56 and completed on or before such effective date.