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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to requiring the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services to maintain an online directory of distributors of opioid antagonists

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 19.09 of the mental hygiene law is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision (k) to read as follows:

3 (k)(1) The office, in consultation with the department of health,
4 shall maintain on its website a publicly available directory of all
5 distributors of opioid antagonists to the public, including but not
6 limited to, pharmacies, prevention programs and not-for-profits. As used
7 in this subdivision, the following terms shall have the following mean-
8 ings:

9 (i) "Opioid" means an opiate as defined in section thirty-three
10 hundred two of the public health law.

11 (ii) "Opioid antagonist" means a federal food and drug administra-
12 tion-approved drug that, when administered, negates or neutralizes in
13 whole or in part the pharmacological effects of an opioid in the body.
14 The opioid antagonist shall be limited to naloxone or other medications
15 approved by the department of health for this purpose.

16 (2) The directory required by this subdivision shall include and be
17 searchable by the following information:

18 (i) addresses of each distributor of opioid antagonists;

19 (ii) contact information, such as phone numbers or email addresses,
20 for each distributor;

21 (iii) services offered by each distributor at each location if more
22 than one, as well as information providing which opioid antagonists are
23 currently available at each distributor;

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

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1 (iv) special populations served;

2 (v) insurance providers accepted;

3 (vi) hours of operation of each distributor;

4 (vii) contact information of opioid addiction prevention programs; and

5 (viii) any other information the commissioner deems necessary.

6 (3) The office may utilize an existing directory to satisfy the
7 requirements of this subdivision.

8 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
9 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
10 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
11 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
12 completed on or before such effective date.