

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 24, 2022

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

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to replacing an instance of the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services with the office of addiction services and supports; and to amend chapter 378 of the laws of 2019 relating to creating a public education initiative designed to eliminate stigma and misinformation about mental illness and substance use among military service members, in relation to the effectiveness thereof

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (l) of section 7.09 of the mental hygiene law,
2 as added by chapter 378 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 (l) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the
5 commissioner, in conjunction with the commissioner of [~~alcoholism~~] the
6 office of addiction services and [~~substance abuse services~~] supports and
7 the director of the division of veterans' services shall develop a
8 public education initiative designed to eliminate stigma and misinforma-
9 tion about mental illness and substance use among service members,
10 veterans, and their families, improve their understanding of mental and
11 substance use disorders and the existence of effective treatment, and
12 provide information regarding available resources and how to access
13 them. These public education initiatives may include the use of the
14 internet, including the use of social networking sites.

15 § 2. Section 2 of chapter 378 of the laws of 2019 relating to creating
16 a public education initiative designed to eliminate stigma and misinforma-
17 tion about mental illness and substance use among military service
18 members, is amended to read as follows:

19 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately [~~and shall expire on June~~
20 ~~30, 2022 when upon such date the provisions of this act shall be deemed~~
21 ~~repealed~~].

22 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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