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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, the railroad law and the public authorities law, in relation to the use and availability of opioid antagonists in train stations and on trains operated by public transit authorities

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

Section 1. Subparagraph (v) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section 3309 of the public health law, as added by chapter 148 of the laws of 2020, is amended and a new subparagraph (vii) is added to read as follows:

(v) As used in this section, "entity" includes, but is not limited to, a school district, public library, board of cooperative educational services, county vocational education and extension board, charter school, non-public elementary or secondary school, restaurant, bar, retail store, shopping mall, barber shop, beauty parlor, theater, sporting or event center, **public transit authority,** inn, hotel or motel.

(vii) As used in this section, "public transit authority" means a public authority established under the public authorities law which provides public rail transportation services.

§ 2. Section 3309 of the public health law is amended by adding a new subdivision 10 to read as follows:

10. Every train and train station operated by a public transit authority shall contain an opioid antagonist. Public transit authorities shall provide training, approved by the commissioner, to employees on the proper use of an opioid antagonist.

§ 3. Section 77-a of the railroad law, as added by chapter 468 of the laws of 1970, is amended to read as follows:

§ 77-a. First-aid equipment on locomotives. It shall be unlawful to operate a locomotive outside the designated yard limits of any railroad

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

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in the state of New York unless said locomotive shall be equipped with a first-aid kit containing necessary emergency medical equipment and supplies.

Said kit shall include as minimum supplies:

1 roll of 1-inch wide gauze bandage -- minimum of 10 yards.

1 roll of 1-inch wide adhesive tape -- minimum of 5 yards.

1 package of absorbent gauze compresses, at least 3 inches by 3 inches -- minimum of 6 in number.

At least 12 -- 1-inch individual sanitary band aids.

Bottle of iodine or mercurochrome or tincture of methyolate, or an equivalent antiseptic, minimum of 1 ounce bottle.

Minimum of 2 ounce bottle of smelling salts or six ampoules of spirits of ammonia.

Minimum of 3 ounce bottle of a standard eye wash preparation, with necessary eye wash glass.

Jar or tube of white petroleum jelly or unguentine for burns.

An opioid antagonist.

All above material shall be packed in a suitable metal box or container and be sealed.

Items, as used, should be replaced within twenty-four hours by properly designated railroad personnel and such kit resealed for future use. It shall be unlawful to remove or use any such first-aid kit, or any supplies contained in any such kit, for other than first-aid purposes. Violation of said provisions shall be punishable by a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars.

§ 4. Section 1266-a of the public authorities law, as added by chapter 928 of the laws of 1977, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1266-a. Medical emergency services. The authority is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and develop a medical emergency services program to be implemented at a time to be specified in such program for the benefit of persons utilizing transportation and other related services of the authority. Such program may include but not be limited to provision for the following: The training of designated employees in first aid, emergency techniques and procedures, handling and positioning of stricken commuters, [~~and~~] knowledge of procedures and equipment used for respiratory and cardiac emergencies**, and knowledge and use of opioid antagonists which shall be made available on all trains and in train stations operated by the authority**. Such program shall be submitted to the legislature not later than one hundred eighty days next succeeding the effective date of this section.

§ 5. Paragraph a of subdivision 1 of section 1266-b of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter 396 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

a. The authority in consultation with the Long Island Rail Road is hereby authorized and directed to implement a comprehensive medical emergency services program, including an emergency response protocol, not later than September first, two thousand five, for the benefit of persons utilizing transportation and other related services of the Long Island Rail Road. Such program shall include but not be limited to provision for the following: The training of designated employees in first aid, emergency techniques and procedures, handling and positioning of stricken commuters, knowledge of procedures and equipment used for respiratory [~~and~~]**,** cardiac emergencies and an emergency response protocol for all employees**, and knowledge and use of opioid antagonists which shall be made available on all trains and in all train stations operated by the authority**.

§ 6. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.