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Introduced by M. of A. ORTIZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

AN ACT requiring the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services to develop educational materials regarding screening for alcoholism and chemical dependency to health care providers

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

Section 1. The commissioner of the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services, in consultation with the commissioner of the department of health, shall provide and publish, in electronic or other format, educational materials for health care providers, as defined in subdivision 6 of section 238 of the public health law, regarding screening, assessment, and diagnosis of alcoholism and chemical dependency. Such educational materials may include, but shall not be limited to, information regarding symptoms of addiction, causes of addiction, evidence based instruments health care providers may use in screening, screening techniques, and treatment. Such educational materials shall be made available to health care providers through the official website of the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services and by any other means deemed appropriate by the commissioner of the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services.

S 2. 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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