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

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

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

Section 1. As causes, symptoms, and effects of alcoholism and substance abuse may manifest differently in women and men, 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 six of section two hundred thirty-eight of the public health law, regarding screening, assessment, and diagnosis of alcoholism and chemical dependency in women. 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, how alcoholism and chemical dependency affects women's health, a referral list for treatment, a list of educational websites regarding alcoholism and chemical dependency, and literature regarding treatment and recovery. 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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