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

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to the qualifications of medical directors at state correctional facilities

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

Section 1. The correction law is amended by adding a new section 624 to read as follows:

S 624. MEDICAL DIRECTOR; PSYCHIATRIC CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING. WITHIN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS OF RECEIVING AN APPOINTMENT AS THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF A STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, SUCH MEDICAL DIRECTOR SHALL BE TRAINED AND/OR CERTIFIED IN ADDICTION MEDICINE IN SUCH A WAY THAT MEETS ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR HOLDS A SUBSPECIALTY BOARD CERTIFICATION IN ADDICTION PSYCHIATRY FROM THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALITIES;

2. THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR HOLDS AN ADDICTION CERTIFICATION FROM THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ADDICTION MEDICINE;

3. THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR HOLDS A SUBSPECIALTY BOARD CERTIFICATION IN ADDICTION MEDICINE FROM THE AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION; AND

4. THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR HAS COMPLETED NOT LESS THAN EIGHT HOURS OF TRAINING WITH RESPECT TO THE TREATMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF OPIOID-ADDICTED PATIENTS. SUCH TRAINING MAY BE PROVIDED THROUGH CLASSROOM SITUATIONS, SEMINARS AT PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEETINGS, ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS, OR OTHERWISE. THE TRAINING SHALL BE SPONSORED BY ANY ORGANIZATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE DETERMINES TO BE APPROPRIATE.

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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