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

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to defining the scope of responsibilities of the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services regarding recovery services for veterans

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

1 Section 1. Section 19.07 of the mental hygiene law is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision (i) to read as follows:
3 (I) THE OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES SHALL PERI-
4 ODICALLY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS,
5 (1) REVIEW THE PROGRAMS OPERATED BY THE OFFICE TO ENSURE THAT THE NEEDS
6 OF THE STATE'S VETERANS WHO ARE RECOVERING FROM ALCOHOL AND/OR SUBSTANCE
7 ABUSE ARE BEING MET AND TO DEVELOP IMPROVEMENTS TO PROGRAMS TO MEET SUCH
8 NEEDS, AND (2) REVIEW, MONITOR, AND IMPROVE PROGRAMS OPERATED BY THE
9 DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS OR THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH THAT
10 PROVIDE TREATMENT, REHABILITATION, AND RELAPSE PREVENTION AND RECOVERY
11 SERVICES TO VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED IN A COMBAT THEATER OR COMBAT ZONE
12 OF OPERATIONS.
13 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
14 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediate-
15 ly, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation
16 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are
17 authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such
18 effective date.

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

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