

7807

2011-2012 Regular Sessions

I N   A S S E M B L Y

May 17, 2011

---

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

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to requiring the  
office of alcoholism and substance abuse services to develop educa-  
tional materials for health care providers relating to abuse and  
misuse of prescription drugs

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, 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, IN CONSUL-  
4     TATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, SHALL DEVELOP AND PUBLISH, IN  
5     ELECTRONIC OR OTHER FORMAT, EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR HEALTH CARE  
6     PROVIDERS, AS DEFINED BY SUBDIVISION SIX OF SECTION TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-  
7     EIGHT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW TO: ASSIST HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN  
8     RECOGNIZING THE SYMPTOMS OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE; PROVIDE  
9     EVIDENCE-BASED DRUG SCREENING INSTRUMENTS; AND IDENTIFY RESOURCES TO  
10    HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PATIENT REFERRALS TO SUBSTANCE  
11    ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAMS. ALL EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS REFERENCED IN THIS  
12    SUBDIVISION SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE OFFICIAL WEBSITES OF THE  
13    OFFICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND BY ANY OTHER MEANS DEEMED APPRO-  
14    PRIATE BY THE COMMISSIONER.  
15    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

LBD11584-01-1