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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Cusick) --
read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing an
opioid addiction treatment and hospital diversion demonstration
program

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

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section
2 3309-b to read as follows:
3 S 3309-B. OPIOID ADDICTION TREATMENT AND HOSPITAL DIVERSION DEMON-
4 STRATION PROGRAM. 1. THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE
5 OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, SHALL, WITHIN THE AMOUNTS
6 APPROPRIATED THEREFOR, ESTABLISH AN OPIOID ADDICTION TREATMENT AND
7 HOSPITAL DIVERSION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE A
8 NEW MODEL OF DETOXIFICATION AND TRANSITIONAL SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS
9 SEEKING TO RECOVER FROM OPIOID ADDICTION, THEREBY REDUCING RELIANCE ON
10 EMERGENCY ROOM SERVICES. THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE TREATMENT OF
11 PRESCRIPTION PAIN MEDICATION ADDICTION ON AN OUTPATIENT OR NON-MEDICAL
12 RESIDENTIAL SHORT-TERM STAY BASIS. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH UP
13 TO SIX DEMONSTRATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE, AND AT MINIMUM A DEMON-
14 STRATION SHALL BE ESTABLISHED IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS: WESTERN
15 NEW YORK, CENTRAL NEW YORK, STATEN ISLAND, BROOKLYN AND LONG ISLAND.
16 2. NOT LATER THAN TWO YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION,
17 THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROVIDE THE GOVERNOR, THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF
18 THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE CHAIR OF THE SENATE STAND-
19 ING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE CHAIR OF THE ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE
20 WITH A WRITTEN EVALUATION OF THE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM. SUCH EVALUATION
21 SHALL ADDRESS THE OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS TREATMENT MODEL AS IT
22 RELATES TO PATIENTS, THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY, HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS
23 AND HEALTH CARE PAYORS, AND SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE
24 EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO SERVICES, THE IMPACT
25 OF THESE SERVICES, THE ASSOCIATED COSTS SAVINGS, AND WHETHER THE EXPAN-
26 SION OF THIS OR SIMILAR MODELS ARE RECOMMENDED.
27 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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