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

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 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 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 SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES AND WHO ARE
7 RECOVERING FROM ALCOHOL AND/OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARE BEING MET AND TO
8 DEVELOP IMPROVEMENTS TO PROGRAMS TO MEET SUCH NEEDS; AND (2) IN COLLAB-
9 ORATION WITH THE STATE DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND THE COMMISSION-
10 ER OF THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH, REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO
11 IMPROVE PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE TREATMENT, REHABILITATION, RELAPSE
12 PREVENTION, AND RECOVERY SERVICES TO VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED IN A
13 COMBAT THEATRE OR COMBAT ZONE OF OPERATIONS AND HAVE A CO-OCCURRING
14 MENTAL HEALTH AND ALCOHOLISM OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER.
15 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
16 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediate-
17 ly, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation
18 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are
19 authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such
20 effective date.

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

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