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and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT requiring the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services
to develop educational materials regarding screening for alcoholism
and chemical dependency in women to health care providers

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

1 Section 1. As causes, symptoms, and effects of alcoholism and
2 substance abuse may manifest differently in women and men, the commis-
3 sioner of the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services, in
4 consultation with the commissioner of the department of health, shall
5 provide and publish, in electronic or other format, educational materi-
6 als for health care providers, as defined in subdivision 6 of section
7 238 of the public health law, regarding screening, assessment, and diag-
8 nosis of alcoholism and chemical dependency in women. Such educational
9 materials may include, but shall not be limited to, information regard-
10 ing symptoms of addiction, causes of addiction, evidence based instru-
11 ments health care providers may use in screening, screening techniques,
12 how alcoholism and chemical dependency affects women's health, a refer-
13 ral list for treatment, a list of educational websites regarding alco-
14 holism and chemical dependency, and literature regarding treatment and
15 recovery. Such educational materials shall be made available to health
16 care providers through the official website of the office of alcoholism
17 and substance abuse services and by any other means deemed appropriate
18 by the commissioner of the office of alcoholism and substance abuse
19 services.

20 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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