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Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed 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 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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