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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. McDonald) --  
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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