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Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to prescribing an  
opioid antagonist with a patient's first opioid analgesic prescription  
in a given year

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

1     Section 1. Section 3302 of the public health law is amended by adding  
2     two new subdivisions 44 and 45 to read as follows:  
3     44. "OPIOID ANALGESICS" MEANS THE MEDICINES BUPRENOPHINE, BUTORPHANOL,  
4     CODEINE, HYDROCODONE, HYDROMORPHONE, LEVORPHANOL, MEPERIDINE, METHADONE,  
5     MORPHINE, NALBUPHINE, OXYCODONE, OXYMORPHONE, PENTAZOCINE, PROPOXYPHENE  
6     AS WELL AS THEIR BRAND NAMES, ISOMERS AND COMBINATIONS.  
7     45. "OPIOID ANTAGONIST" MEANS AN FDA-APPROVED DRUG THAT, WHEN ADMINIS-  
8     TERED, NEGATES OR NEUTRALIZES IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE PHARMACOLOGICAL  
9     EFFECTS OF AN OPIOID IN THE BODY. THE OPIOID ANTAGONIST IS LIMITED TO  
10    NALOXONE OR OTHER MEDICATIONS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THIS  
11    PURPOSE.  
12    S 2. Section 3309 of the public health law is amended by adding a new  
13    subdivision 5 to read as follows:  
14    5. EVERY INITIAL OPIOID ANALGESIC PRESCRIPTION PER YEAR SHALL BE  
15    ACCOMPANIED WITH A PRESCRIPTION FOR AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST.  
16    S 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
17    have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the  
18    addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary  
19    for the implementation of this act on its effective date is authorized  
20    to be made and completed by the commissioner of health on or before such  
21    effective date.

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

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