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Introduced by M. of A. GUNTHER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to a program for the diagnosis and treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 7.17 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new subdivision (g) to read as follows:

(g) The commissioner, in cooperation with any other state agency or relevant stakeholder shall develop a training program to be posted on the office's website for the diagnosis and treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder for military veterans. The program shall include a component on military culture competency and shall be intended for the training of mental health providers and mental health clinicians. Certification of the completion of the program may be provided to participants through the office.

§ 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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