STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

June 11, 2018

Introduced by Sens. AMEDORE, HANNON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to allowing for the use of medical marihuana as an alternative to opioids for pain management

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 7 of section 3360 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 403 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

(a) "Serious condition" means:

(i) having one of the following severe debilitating or life-threatening conditions: cancer, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, damage to the nervous tissue of the spinal cord with objective neurological indication of intractable spasticity, epilepsy, inflammatory bowel disease, neuropathies, Huntington's disease, post-traumatic stress disorder, **pain that degrades health and functional capability where the use of medical marihuana is an alternative to opioid use,** or as added by the commissioner; and

(ii) any of the following conditions where it is clinically associated with, or a complication of, a condition under this paragraph or its treatment: cachexia or wasting syndrome; severe or chronic pain; severe nausea; seizures; severe or persistent muscle spasms; or such conditions as are added by the commissioner.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that the amendments to section 3360 of the public health law, made by section one of this act, shall not affect the repeal of such section and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

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

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