

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 10, 2017

Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to providing information on where to seek help in regards to military sexual trauma

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

1 Section 1. Section 7.09 of the mental hygiene law is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision (l) to read as follows:

3 (l) The commissioner shall disseminate information to veterans regard-
4 ing which United States Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers,
5 outpatient clinics, community-based outpatient clinics, vet centers or
6 other United States Department of Veterans Affairs facilities veterans
7 can seek treatment, counselling and resources for military sexual trauma
8 experienced while on active duty or during military training. Such
9 information shall be posted on the office's website with a link to the
10 website of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and a link
11 to the website of the state division of veterans' affairs.

12 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
13 have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the
14 commissioner of mental health shall promulgate any rules and regulations
15 necessary for the implementation of this act on or before its effective
16 date.

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

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