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Introduced by Sen. PERSAUD -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to sensitivity training

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

Section 1. Paragraph 1 of subdivision (d) of section 19.07 of the mental hygiene law, as amended by section 5 of part I of chapter 58 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

(1) The office shall establish minimum qualifications for counselors in all phases of delivery of services to persons and their families who are suffering from alcohol and/or substance abuse and/or chemical dependence and/or compulsive gambling that shall include, but not be limited to, completion of approved courses of study or equivalent on-the-job experience in alcoholism and substance abuse counseling and/or counseling of compulsive gambling. **Such approved courses of study or equivalent on-the-job experience shall include sensitivity training. For the purposes of this paragraph, sensitivity training shall mean a form of training with the goal of making people more aware of their own prejudices and more sensitive to others.**

§ 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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