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Cal. No. 1429

IN SENATE

May 10, 2018

Introduced by Sens. AMEDORE, HANNON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to establishing an opioid treatment services demonstration program

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

Section 1. Subdivision (d) of section 32.31 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new paragraph 7 to read as follows:

7. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision or any other rule or regulation to the contrary, the commissioner shall implement a demonstration program to increase consumer accessibility to opioid treatment services in geographic areas determined by the commissioner to be in need of such services. In implementing such demonstration program, the commissioner may approve an application by a facility seeking to provide opioid treatment services that would be operated by a corporation, the stock of which is owned by another corporation, or a partnership or limited liability company with members that are not natural persons, provided that the applicant, the applicant's principal stockholders, and members, as applicable, and the applicant's controlling persons, comply with all other applicable requirements of this article and the regulations of the commissioner.

§ 2. The office of alcoholism and substance abuse services shall assess the efficacy of the demonstration program established pursuant to paragraph 7 of subdivision (d) of section 32.31 of the mental hygiene law, as added by section one of this act, and issue a report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly, identifying the number of facilities approved to provide opioid treatment services in accordance with such paragraph, the geographic distribution of such providers, and the level of access provided to low income populations, on or before December 31, 2022.

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

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§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services shall not be permitted to issue any application approvals pursuant to paragraph 7 of subdivision (d) of section 32.31 of the mental hygiene law, as added by section one of this act, after December 31, 2022.