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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. PERSAUD, PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse -- recommitted to the Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to approved courses of study or equivalent on-the-job experience for counselors

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

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

4 (1) The office shall establish minimum qualifications for counselors  
5 in all phases of delivery of services to persons and their families who  
6 are suffering from alcohol and/or substance abuse and/or chemical  
7 dependence and/or compulsive gambling that shall include, but not be  
8 limited to, completion of approved courses of study or equivalent  
9 on-the-job experience in alcoholism and substance abuse counseling  
10 and/or counseling of compulsive gambling. Such approved courses of study  
11 or equivalent on-the-job experience shall include: providing trauma-in-  
12 formed, patient-centered care; treating co-occurring disorders; and  
13 sensitivity training. Such courses shall be updated as needed to reflect  
14 evolving best practices in harm reduction, treatment and long-term  
15 recovery. For the purposes of this paragraph, sensitivity training shall  
16 mean a form of training with the goal of making people more aware of  
17 their own prejudices and more sensitive to others.

18 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
19 it shall have become a law.

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

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