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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. RANZENHOFER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to prescribing an opioid antagonist with a patient's first opioid analgesic prescription in a given year

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

Section 1. Section 3302 of the public health law is amended by adding two new subdivisions 44 and 45 to read as follows:

44. "Opioid analgesics" means the medicines buprenophine, butorphanol, codeine, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, levorphanol, meperidine, methadone, morphine, nalbuphine, oxycodone, oxymorphone, pentazocine, propoxyphene as well as their brand names, isomers and combinations.

45. "Opioid antagonist" means an FDA-approved drug that, when administered, negates or neutralizes in whole or in part the pharmacological effects of an opioid in the body. The opioid antagonist is limited to naloxone or other medications approved by the department for this purpose.

§ 2. Section 3309 of the public health law is amended by adding a new subdivision 7 to read as follows:

7. Every initial opioid analgesic prescription per year, which is equal to or greater than fifty morphine milligram equivalents, shall be accompanied with a prescription for an opioid antagonist.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed by the commissioner of health on or before such effective date.

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

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