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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. O'DONNELL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring the commissioner of health to develop guidelines for the prescribing of opioid antagonists

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

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section
2 3346 to read as follows:

3 § 3346. Guidelines for the prescribing of opioid antagonists. 1. The
4 commissioner shall adopt guidelines for the prescribing of opioid antag-
5 onists that are applicable to all licensed health care providers in the
6 state who are authorized to prescribe an opioid analgesic. Such guide-
7 lines must address:

8 (a) prescribing an opioid antagonist to a patient to whom an opioid
9 medication is also prescribed; and

10 (b) identifying patients at risk of an opioid-related drug overdose
11 and prescribing an opioid antagonist to that patient or to a person in a
12 position to administer the opioid antagonist to that patient.

13 2. In adopting guidelines under this section, the commissioner shall
14 consult with the state board of pharmacy as well as materials published
15 by, but not limited to, the substance abuse and mental health services
16 administration of the United States department of health and human
17 services and other appropriate materials, including medical journals
18 subject to peer review and publications by medical professional associ-
19 ations.

20 3. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations
21 necessary for the implementation of this section.

22 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
23 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
24 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
25 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
26 completed 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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