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Introduced by M. of A. L. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring mental health practitioners to receive training on substance use disorder, the specific needs of the substance use disorder community and co-occurring disorders

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 8413 to read as follows:

§ 8413. Substance use disorder education. 1. Each licensed mental health practitioner required under this article to register triennially with the department to practice in this state shall receive education and training regarding substance use disorder, the specific needs of the substance use disorder community and co-occurring disorders. The purpose of such training shall be to ensure that mental health practitioners are adequately equipped to care for patients who are dealing with co-occurring disorders.

2. The department shall incorporate such education and training into the mental health practitioner licensing requirements, as well as the continuing education requirements for mental health practitioners who support patients with substance use disorders or co-occurring disorders.

§ 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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