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Introduced by M. of A. STECK, WALSH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse -- recommitted to the Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to establishing an addiction recovery supportive transportation services demonstration program

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

Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section 19.18-a to read as follows:

§ 19.18-a Addiction recovery supportive transportation services demonstration program.

1. The commissioner shall develop an addiction recovery supportive transportation services demonstration program. Such program shall provide recovery supportive transportation services to individuals while such individual is receiving treatment, including but not limited to, treatment with an inpatient, residential or outpatient treatment provider. The commissioner shall identify and establish where the recovery supportive transportation services demonstration program shall be located, provided that there shall be at least one urban and one rural demonstration program.

2. Recovery supportive transportation services shall be provided to ensure the individual is able to receive treatment, services and participate in other activities that are a part of the individual's treatment or necessary to help maintain stability to continue their recovery.

3. No later than January first, two thousand twenty-three, the commissioner shall provide the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, and the chairs of the senate and assembly committees on alcoholism and drug abuse with a written evalu-

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

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ation of the demonstration program. Such evaluation shall, at a minimum, address the overall effectiveness of such demonstration program, identify best practices for recovery supportive transportation services provided under such demonstration program, and suggest any additional recovery supportive services that may be appropriate within each type of program operated, regulated, funded, or approved by the office and address whether continuation or expansion of such demonstration program is recommended. The written evaluation shall be made available on the office's website.

§ 2. This act shall take effect June 1, 2022.