STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

March 16, 2022

Introduced by M. of A. DICKENS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to limiting the amount of addiction and substance abuse facilities in the city of New York

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

Section 1. Subdivision (b) of section 19.17 of the mental hygiene law, as amended by chapter 596 of the laws of 1999, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The commissioner shall establish the areas which each facility under his or her jurisdiction shall serve and the categories of patients which each such facility shall receive, retain, or treat. **In cities with a population of one million or more, the commissioner shall ensure that there are no more than five facilities operating pursuant to this article within the jurisdiction of each community board.** The commissioner shall provide for priority of admission for persons whose children have been placed in foster care or are in jeopardy of being so placed pursuant to article ten of the family court act or article six of the social services law.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after 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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