STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to provide for the development, expansion, and/or operation of substance abuse supports and services for treatment, recovery, and prevention of heroin and opiate use and addiction disorders; and making an appropriation therefor

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

Section 1. The sum of seventy-five million dollars ($75,000,000) is hereby appropriated to the office of addiction services and supports out of any moneys in the state treasury in the general fund to the credit of the state purposes account for services and expenses to support efforts to develop, expand, and/or operate substance abuse supports and services for treatment, recovery, and prevention of heroin and opiate use and addiction disorders including but not limited to the provision of housing services for affected populations. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the expenditures from this appropriation, and any portion of the money hereby appropriated may be transferred from this appropriation to the local assistance, state operations, and/or capital projects appropriations of the office of addiction services and supports and/or any other appropriation of the office of addiction services and supports. Notwithstanding sections 112 and 163 of the state finance law and section 142 of the economic development law, or any other inconsistent provision of law, funds available for expenditure pursuant to this appropriation for the development, expansion, and/or operation of treatment, recovery, prevention and/or housing services for persons with heroin and opiate use and addiction disorders, may be allocated and distributed by the commissioner of the office of addiction services and supports, subject to approval of the director of the budget, without a competitive bid or request for proposal process. Prior to an award being granted to an applicant pursu-

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

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ant to this process, the commissioner of the office of addiction services and supports shall formally notify in writing the chair of the senate finance committee and the chair of the assembly ways and means committee of the intent to grant such an award. Such notice shall include information regarding how the prospective recipient meets objective criteria established by the commissioner of the office of addiction services and supports.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.