

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

February 10, 2022

Introduced by Sen. HOYLMAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to accessing substance use disorder services based on the individual's gender identity or expression and preference

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (c) of section 19.07 of the mental hygiene law,  
2 as amended by chapter 281 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 (c) The office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] addiction  
5 services and supports shall have the responsibility for seeing that  
6 persons who suffer from [~~an addictive disorder~~] a substance use disorder  
7 and their families are provided with addiction services, care and treat-  
8 ment, and that such services, care, treatment and rehabilitation is of  
9 high quality and effectiveness, and that the personal and civil rights  
10 of persons seeking and receiving addiction services, care, treatment and  
11 rehabilitation are adequately protected, including that patients have  
12 the right to access services based on their gender identity or  
13 expression and their preference. Gender identity or expression means a  
14 person's actual or perceived gender related identity, appearance, behav-  
15 ior, expression, or other gender related characteristic regardless of  
16 the sex assigned to that person at birth.

17 § 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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