STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

May 2, 2022

Introduced by M. of A. LUNSFORD -- read once and referred to the Committee on Mental Health

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to replacing an instance of the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services with the office of addiction services and supports; and to amend chapter 378 of the laws of 2019 relating to creating a public education initiative designed to eliminate stigma and misinformation about mental illness and substance use among military service members, in relation to the effectiveness thereof

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

Section 1. Subdivision (l) of section 7.09 of the mental hygiene law, as added by chapter 378 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

(l) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner, in conjunction with the commissioner of [~~alcoholism~~] **the office of addiction services** and [~~substance abuse services~~] **supports** and the director of the division of veterans' services shall develop a public education initiative designed to eliminate stigma and misinformation about mental illness and substance use among service members, veterans, and their families, improve their understanding of mental and substance use disorders and the existence of effective treatment, and provide information regarding available resources and how to access them. These public education initiatives may include the use of the internet, including the use of social networking sites.

§ 2. Section 2 of chapter 378 of the laws of 2019 relating to creating a public education initiative designed to eliminate stigma and misinformation about mental illness and substance use among military service members, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately [~~and shall expire on June 30, 2022 when upon such date the provisions of this act shall be deemed repealed~~].

§ 3. 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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