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Introduced by M. of A. L. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health -- recommitted to the Committee on Health 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 public health law and the executive law, in relation to establishing a training program for first responders for responding to victims of suspected drug overdose and the administration of opioid antagonists

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

Section 1. Section 3309 of the public health law is amended by adding a new subdivision 8 to read as follows:

8. The commissioner, in consultation with municipal police training council and the superintendent of state police, shall develop a training program and associated training materials, to provide instruction and information to police officers and emergency medical services personnel on protocols for response to victims of suspected drug overdose and the administration of opioid antagonists.

§ 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 3055 to read as follows:

§ 3055. Opioid overdose prevention. The commissioner shall provide the training program relating to protocols for response to victims of suspected drug overdose and the administration of opioid antagonists pursuant to section thirty-three hundred nine of this chapter to all emergency medical services personnel including, but not limited to, first responders, emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians and emergency vehicle operators.

§ 3. Section 840 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 7 to read as follows:

7. The council shall, in addition:

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

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(a) Develop, maintain and disseminate, in consultation with the commissioner of health, written policies and procedures consistent with section thirty-three hundred nine of the public health law, regarding protocols for response to victims of suspected drug overdose and the administration of opioid antagonists. Such policies and procedures shall make provisions for the education and training of new and veteran police officers on the protocols for response to victims of suspected drug overdose and the administration of opioid antagonists; and

(b) Recommend to the governor, rules and regulations with respect to the establishment and implementation on an ongoing basis of a training program for all current and new police officers regarding the policies and procedures established pursuant to this subdivision, along with recommendations for periodic retraining of police officers.

§ 4. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 214-h to read as follows:

§ 214-h. Opioid overdose prevention. The superintendent shall, for all members of the state police:

1. Develop, maintain and disseminate, in consultation with the commissioner of health, written policies and procedures consistent with section thirty-three hundred nine of the public health law, regarding protocols for response to victims of suspected drug overdose and the administration of opioid antagonists. Such policies and procedures shall make provisions for the education and training of new and veteran police officers on the protocols for response to victims of suspected drug overdose and the administration of opioid antagonists; and

2. Recommend to the governor, rules and regulations with respect to establishment and implementation on an ongoing basis of a training program for all current and new police officers regarding the policies and procedures established pursuant to this subdivision, along with recommendations for periodic retraining of police officers.

§ 5. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that the commissioner of health may promulgate any rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this act on or before such effective date.