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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to the office of
addiction services and supports and tobacco-free facilities for treat-
ment

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (b) of section 19.21 of the mental hygiene law,
2 as separately amended by chapters 558 and 596 of the laws of 1999, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (b) The office shall redefine and develop, establish, promulgate, and
5 enforce certification, inspection, licensing, and treatment standards
6 for chemical dependence facilities and staff, which shall be applied in
7 addition to any other standards for any other services provided by such
8 facilities, and which shall be applicable to any facility providing or
9 purporting to provide as part or all of a program of services, any
10 services for the alleviation of the conditions of alcoholism, alcohol
11 abuse, substance abuse, substance dependence, chemical abuse, or chemi-
12 cal dependence. Such standards shall not require any chemical dependence
13 facility to be a tobacco-free environment. Where appropriate, such stan-
14 dards shall provide for priority of admission for persons whose children
15 have been placed in foster care or are in jeopardy of being so placed
16 pursuant to article ten of the family court act or article six of the
17 social services law.

18 § 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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