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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 12, 2021

Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- 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 establishing an addiction recovery supportive transportation services demonstration program

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

1 Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section
2 19.18-a to read as follows:

3 § 19.18-a Addiction recovery supportive transportation services demon-
4 stration program.

5 1. The commissioner shall develop an addiction recovery supportive
6 transportation services demonstration program. Such program shall
7 provide recovery supportive transportation services to individuals
8 during treatment, including but not limited to, inpatient, residential
9 and outpatient treatment, and after the completion of treatment. The
10 commissioner shall identify and establish where the recovery supportive
11 transportation services demonstration program shall be located, provided
12 that there shall be at least one urban and one rural demonstration
13 program.

14 2. Recovery supportive transportation services shall include assist-
15 ance for individuals that support their continuation in treatment and
16 their continuation in recovery.

17 3. No later than January first, two thousand twenty-two, the commis-
18 sioner shall provide the governor, the temporary president of the
19 senate, the speaker of the assembly, and the chairs of the senate and
20 assembly committees on alcoholism and drug abuse with a written evalu-
21 ation of the demonstration program. Such evaluation shall, at a minimum,
22 address the overall effectiveness of such demonstration program, identi-
23 fy best practices for recovery supportive transportation services

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

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1 provided under such demonstration program, and suggest any additional
2 recovery supportive services that may be appropriate within each type of
3 program operated, regulated, funded, or approved by the office and
4 address whether continuation or expansion of such demonstration program
5 is recommended. The written evaluation shall be made available on the
6 office's website.

7 § 2. This act shall take effect April 1, 2021.