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IN SENATE

January 13, 2021

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring health care professionals to prescribe opioid antagonists when prescribing an opioid

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

Section 1. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section 3309 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 42 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

(i) A health care professional [~~may~~] **shall** prescribe [~~by~~] a patient-specific or non-patient-specific [~~prescription~~] **opioid antagonist when prescribing an opioid, and may also**, dispense or distribute, directly or indirectly, an opioid antagonist to an opioid antagonist recipient**. Such health care professional shall discuss the dangers of opioid addiction with such patient in a manner consistent with regulations promulgated by the commissioner**.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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