

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. LANZA -- 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 the distribution in counties with the most prevalent prescription opioid abuse of educational materials regarding the misuse of and addiction to prescription drugs

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (j) of section 19.09 of the mental hygiene law  
2 is amended by adding a new paragraph 4 to read as follows:

3 (4) Utilizing data that is available to the office, including, but not  
4 limited to, information obtained pursuant to subdivision four of section  
5 thirty-three hundred nine-a of the public health law, the commissioner  
6 shall identify the counties in New York state where prescription opioid  
7 abuse is most prevalent. Pharmacists licensed by the state to dispense  
8 prescription drugs may be notified at the discretion of the commissioner  
9 in collaboration with the department of health, about the prevalence of  
10 opioid abuse in the county in which such pharmacists are located and  
11 encourage the facilities where prescription drugs are dispensed to  
12 distribute materials created or utilized pursuant to this subdivision.

13 § 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
14 have become a law.

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

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