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:

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

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

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

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

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