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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to accessing substance use disorder services based on the individual's gender identity, gender expression and/or sexual orientation

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (c) of section 19.07 of the mental hygiene law,
2 as amended by chapter 281 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 (c) The office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] addiction
5 services and supports shall have the responsibility for seeing that
6 persons who suffer from [~~an addictive disorder~~] a substance use disorder
7 and their families are provided with addiction services, care and treat-
8 ment, and that such services, care, treatment and rehabilitation is of
9 high quality and effectiveness, and that the personal and civil rights
10 of persons seeking and receiving addiction services, care, treatment and
11 rehabilitation are adequately protected, including that patients have
12 the right to access services based on their gender identity, gender
13 expression and/or sexual orientation. For the purposes of this subdivi-
14 sion, gender identity or gender expression means a person's actual or
15 perceived gender related identity, appearance, behavior, expression, or
16 other gender related characteristic regardless of the sex assigned to
17 that person at birth.

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

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

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