

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

January 4, 2024

Introduced by M. of A. HUNTER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Mental Health

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to identifying information and training programs relating to the diagnosis and treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder for military veterans, and to amend a chapter of the laws of 2023 amending the mental hygiene law relating to a program for the diagnosis and treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 7274 and A. 793, in relation to the effectiveness thereof

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (g) of section 7.17 of the mental hygiene law,  
2 as added by a chapter of the laws of 2023 amending the mental hygiene  
3 law relating to a program for the diagnosis and treatment of post-trau-  
4 matic stress disorder, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 7274  
5 and A. 793, is amended to read as follows:

6 (g) The commissioner, in cooperation with any other state agency or  
7 relevant stakeholder, shall [~~develop a~~] identify information and train-  
8 ing [~~program to be posted on the office's website for~~] programs relating  
9 to the diagnosis and treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder for  
10 military veterans [~~the program~~], including but not limited to, train-  
11 ings developed using funds received from the state of New York, and  
12 publish such information and links to relevant training programs on the  
13 office's website. The identified information and training programs  
14 shall include a component on military culture competency and shall be  
15 intended for [~~the training of~~] use by mental health providers and mental  
16 health clinicians. [~~Certification of the completion of the program may~~  
17 ~~be provided to participants through the office.~~]

18 § 2. Section 2 of a chapter of the laws of 2023 amending the mental  
19 hygiene law relating to a program for the diagnosis and treatment of  
20 post-traumatic stress disorder, as proposed in legislative bills numbers  
21 S. 7274 and A. 793, is amended to read as follows:

22 § 2. This act shall take effect [~~immediately~~] on the ninetieth day  
23 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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1 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
2 section one of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the  
3 same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2023 amending the mental hygiene  
4 law relating to a program for the diagnosis and treatment of post-trau-  
5 matic stress disorder, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 7274  
6 and A. 793, takes effect.