STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 14, 2024

Introduced by Sen. RIVERA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to expanding eligibility for appointment to county boards of health and health services advisory boards

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

Section 1. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 343 of the public health law are amended to read as follows:

1. The board of health of a county or part-county health district shall consist of seven members, one of whom shall be a member of the board of supervisors, selected by the board of supervisors, and at least [~~three~~] **one** of whom shall be [~~physicians~~] **a physician licensed to practice in the state of New York, and two of whom shall be a physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant or any combination thereof** licensed to practice in the state of New York, and in addition thereto, each city which becomes a part of the county or part-county health district shall be entitled to one additional representative member on the board of health.

2. The members of the board of health of a county or part-county health district shall be residents of the health district **or a resident of a contiguous county who has a background in a health-related field and performs other substantial work within the health district associated with their health-related background**.

§ 2. Subdivision 1 of section 357 of the public health law, as added by chapter 55 of the laws of 1974, is amended and a new subdivision 7 is added to read as follows:

1. In a county wherein the legislative body constitutes the board of health of such county under and pursuant to the provisions of section three hundred fifty-six of this [~~article~~] **title**, the county shall provide for the appointment by the board of health of a health services advisory board consisting of nine members. [~~Two members~~] **One member** shall be [~~licensed physicians~~] **a physician licensed to practice in the state of New York and one member shall be a physician, nurse practition-**

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

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er, or physician assistant licensed to practice in the state of New York. The remaining members of the board shall be known as public members and shall be selected on the basis of their interest and knowledge regarding the health needs, resources and facilities of the community.

7. Board members shall be residents of the county or a resident of a contiguous county who has a background in a health-related field and performs other substantial work within the county associated with their health-related background.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.