STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN -- read once and referred 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 performs other substantial work within the health district and has a background in a health related field.

§ 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

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

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shall be [~~licensed physicians~~] a physician licensed to practice in the state of New York and one member shall be a physician, nurse practitioner, 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 performs other substantial work within the county and has a background in a health related field.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.