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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. McDonald, E. Brown) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the offices and departments that the department of health shall consult with for the traumatic brain injury program and to the designation of certain persons or their designees to the traumatic brain injury services coordinating council

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

Section 1. Section 2740 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 672 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2740. Traumatic brain injury program. The department shall have the central responsibility for administering the provisions of this article and otherwise coordinating the state's policies with respect to traumatic brain injury, in consultation with the office for people with developmental disabilities, the office of mental health, the department of education, the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] addiction services and supports, the department of social services, the office for the prevention of domestic violence, the department of veterans' services, the office of the advocate for the disabled and the commission on quality of care for the mentally disabled.

§ 2. Subdivision 1 of section 2744 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 672 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

1. The traumatic brain injury services coordinating council is hereby established and shall consist of the following persons or their designees: the commissioner, the commissioner of the office for people with developmental disabilities, the office of mental health, the commissioner of education, the commissioner of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse services~~] addiction services and supports, the commissioner of social services, the state advocate for the disabled, the executive director of the office for the prevention of domestic violence, the commissioner of the department of veterans' services, and the commission on quality of care for the mentally disabled. In addition, the council shall consist

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

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of the following persons: five persons appointed by the governor, three of whom shall be persons with traumatic brain injury and two of whom shall be representative of the public and have a demonstrated expertise and interest in traumatic brain injury; two persons appointed by the temporary president of the senate, one of whom shall be a person with traumatic brain injury and one of whom shall be representative of the public and have a demonstrated expertise and interest in traumatic brain injury; two persons appointed by the speaker of the assembly, one of whom shall be a person with traumatic brain injury and one of whom shall be representative of the public and have a demonstrated expertise and interest in traumatic brain injury, one person appointed by the minority leader of the senate who shall be a person with traumatic brain injury or be representative of the public and have a demonstrated expertise and interest in traumatic brain injury; and one person appointed by the minority leader of the assembly who shall be a person with traumatic brain injury or be representative of the public and have a demonstrated expertise and interest in traumatic brain injury. Of the five persons appointed by the governor, three shall serve for a term of one year, one shall serve for a term of two years and one shall serve for a term of three years. Of the two persons appointed by the temporary president of the senate, one shall serve for a term of two years and one shall serve for a term of three years. Of the two persons appointed by the speaker of the assembly, one shall serve for a term of two years and one shall serve for a term of three years. The person appointed by the minority leader of the senate and the person appointed by the minority leader of the assembly shall serve for a term of one year. Subsequent appointments for vacancies shall be for a term of three years and shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.