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## IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to establishing a law enforcement, first responder, active and non-active-duty service members and veteran informational mobile application

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

1 Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section  
2 7.49 to read as follows:

3 § 7.49 Law enforcement, first responder, active and non-active-duty  
4 service members and veteran informational mobile application.

5 1. The office shall create and operate a New York-tailored, member-  
6 ship-based mobile application for law enforcement personnel, first  
7 responders, and active and non-active-duty service members and veterans.

8 2. (a) The commissioner is authorized to contract with a mobile devel-  
9 oper to create and operate such application on a statewide basis follow-  
10 ing a competitive bidding process as set forth in the state finance law.

11 (b) The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of crimi-  
12 nal justice services, the commissioner of veterans' services, and other  
13 relevant stakeholders at the discretion of the commissioner, shall  
14 include the following application platform deliverables, and any other  
15 tools the commissioner shall deem necessary, in the request for  
16 proposals:

17 (i) The platform shall have the capability to deliver education,  
18 resources and support to law enforcement personnel, first responders,  
19 active and non-active-duty service members, veterans and their families,  
20 including New York-specific information such as links to department and  
21 other state agency programs and resources available to law enforcement  
22 personnel, first responders, active and non-active-duty service members,  
23 and veterans.

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

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1 (ii) The platform shall demonstrate a consistent workflow to increase  
2 awareness of state agency programs and resources available to users of  
3 the mobile application.

4 (iii) The platform shall allow the department and other state agencies  
5 to directly interface with users of the mobile application.

6 (iv) The platform shall have the capability to allow the department to  
7 share specific content and resources with users of the mobile applica-  
8 tion.

9 3. The selected mobile developer shall regularly provide the office,  
10 the temporary president of the senate, the minority leader of the  
11 senate, the speaker of the assembly, and the minority leader of the  
12 assembly with aggregate, deidentified data concerning the following:

13 (a) the number of users of the mobile application that are engaging  
14 with New York-specific content.

15 (b) the number of users of the mobile application seeking additional  
16 information about other available resources.

17 (c) the number of monthly users of the mobile application.

18 (d) the number of daily users of the mobile application.

19 (e) the average length of time a user uses the mobile application.

20 (f) any other information requested by the department or other state  
21 agencies.

22 4. The mobile application shall be available on multiple mobile plat-  
23 forms.

24 5. The selected mobile developer shall not share, sell, or otherwise  
25 process users' personal information except as strictly necessary for the  
26 operation of the mobile application and shall not provide personally  
27 identifiable information about any user to the department or any other  
28 governmental entity.

29 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding  
30 the date on which it shall have become a law; provided, however, that  
31 the department of health shall issue a request for proposals no later  
32 than one hundred eighty days after this act shall have become a law.