STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

May 16, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. SOLAGES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to statewide opioid settlement agreements

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

Section 1. Paragraph 8 of subdivision (a) of section 25.18 of the mental hygiene law, as amended by chapter 171 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

8. "Statewide opioid settlement agreements" means agreements of statewide applicability entered into on or after June first, two thousand twenty-one by the office of the attorney general, including but not limited to consent judgments, consent decrees filed or unfiled, and related agreements or documents between the state and [~~certain opioid manufacturers, distributors, dispensers, consultants, chain pharmacies, related entities, and/or the New York subdivisions, to provide remuneration~~] any party, the purpose of which is to resolve claims for conduct related to the manufacture, promotion, dispensing, sale, overutilization and/or distribution of opioid products which are consistent with subdivision sixteen of section sixty-three of the executive law. Copies of such agreements, including any amendments thereto, shall be kept on file by the attorney general, who shall make such available for inspection and copying pursuant to the provisions of article six of the public officers law.

§ 2. Subdivision (d) of section 25.18 of the mental hygiene law, as amended by chapter 171 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

(d) Limitation on authority of government entities to bring lawsuits. No government entity shall have the authority to assert released claims against entities released by the department of law in a statewide opioid settlement agreement executed by the department of law and the released

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

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party on or after June first, two thousand twenty-one. Any action filed by a government entity after June thirtieth, two thousand nineteen asserting released claims against a [~~manufacturer, distributor, or dispenser of opioid products~~] **released party in a statewide opioid settlement agreement,** shall be extinguished by operation of law upon being released pursuant to such statewide opioid settlement agreement.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.