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Introduced by M. of A. STECK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse -- recommitted to the Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to the distribution in counties with the most prevalent prescription substance use disorder of educational materials regarding the misuse of and addiction to prescription drugs

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

Section 1. Subdivision (j) of section 19.09 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new paragraph 4 to read as follows:

(4) Utilizing data that is available to the office, the commissioner shall identify the counties in New York state where prescription substance use disorder is most prevalent. Pharmacists licensed by the state to dispense prescription drugs may be notified at the discretion of the commissioner in collaboration with the department of health, about the prevalence of substance use disorder in the county in which such pharmacists are located and may distribute materials created pursuant to this subdivision.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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