STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 7, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to replacing the term addict with the term person with substance use disorder

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

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 3351 of the public health law, as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the public health law relating to authorizing institutional dispensers to dispense controlled substances for use off premises in an emergency situation for at least three days and authorizing practitioners to dispense controlled substances for use in maintenance or detoxification treatment to an addict or habitual user, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 3416-D and A. 5892-B, is amended to read as follows:

3. A practitioner may prescribe, administer, and dispense any schedule III, IV, or V narcotic drug approved by the federal food and drug administration specifically for use in maintenance or detoxification treatment to [~~an addict~~] **a person with substance use disorder** or habitual user.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the public health law relating to authorizing institutional dispensers to dispense controlled substances for use off premises in an emergency situation for at least three days and authorizing practitioners to dispense controlled substances for use in maintenance or detoxification treatment to an addict or habitual user, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 3416-D and A. 5892-B, takes effect.

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

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