

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

March 3, 2025

Introduced by Sens. LANZA, ROLISON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Use Disorders -- recommitted to the Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Use Disorders in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, passed by Senate and delivered to the Assembly, recalled, vote reconsidered, restored to third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

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:

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

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

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

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

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