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Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Use Disorders

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to establishing, incorporating and certifying addiction and substance abuse facilities in the city of New York

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

Section 1. Subdivision (g) of section 19.09 of the mental hygiene law, as amended by chapter 271 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

(g) **(1)** The commissioner shall establish and operate chemical dependence programs, facilities, and services for the prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation, including relapse prevention and recovery maintenance, of persons who abuse or are dependent on alcohol and/or substances, and significant others not limited to the psychiatric model but embodying all recognized or promising approaches.

(2) In cities with a population of one million or more, the commissioner shall collect data on the number of facilities sited and operating within each jurisdiction of each community board. Such data shall be made available on the office's website, updated as needed to maintain an accurate dataset, and considered in the course of the approval of the establishment, incorporation and certification of providers of substance use disorder services.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth 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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