



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

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June 29, 2021

MEMORANDUM filed with Senate Bill 7194 entitled:

“AN ACT to amend the state finance law, the mental hygiene law, and the executive law, in relation to establishing an opioid settlement fund”

A P P R O V E D

The opioid epidemic is an ongoing public health crisis that continues to impact communities and families throughout New York. I have pushed for and enacted dozens of laws which have taken aggressive actions to combat this scourge, and believe it is of paramount importance that those who contributed most to this tragedy be held responsible for their misconduct.

I fully support the creation of an opioid settlement fund and the dedication of moneys to such fund. I have reached an agreement with the Legislature to make several technical changes to this bill to ensure fund monies are utilized in the prevention, treatment, education, and abatement of opioid addiction, and to preserve the ability of the Department of Financial Services to pursue administrative proceedings to protect consumers.

I agree with my colleagues in the Legislature on the importance of holding those who contributed to the opioid epidemic accountable and obtaining long overdue justice for New Yorkers.

My office will continue to work together with the Legislature and the Office of the Attorney General to ensure that future legislation and settlement agreements are in the best interest of New Yorkers.

With these changes, I am pleased to sign this bill.

This bill is approved.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Cuomo".