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Introduced by Sen. SQUADRON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Banks -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT in relation to requiring a study and report on banking products and services offered in low income communities and the impact of traditional banks, credit unions and check casher services serving low income communities; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. 1. The superintendent of financial services shall study and issue a comprehensive report on banking products and services offered in low income communities and the impact of traditional banks, credit unions and check casher services serving low income communities.

2. Such study and report carried out pursuant to this section shall address the following issues:

(a) which products and services are offered in low income communities versus which products and services are offered in higher income communities;

(b) review of whether different fees are charged by financial service providers for products and services in low income communities and in higher income communities, including but not limited to, use of automated teller machine (ATM) fees, checking account fees, and overdraft fees;

(c) review of whether different interest rates are instituted by financial service providers for products and services in low income communities and in higher income communities, including but not limited to, savings account interest rates and interest rates on loans;

(d) the impact of payday loans within low income communities, the prevalence of such loans and the interest rates charged for such loans,

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

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to the extent such information is available to the department of financial services; and

(e) an analysis of the impact and current relevance of the state and federal community reinvestment act as it affects low income communities and banking and financial services.

3. Such report shall be made to the governor, the speaker of the assembly and the temporary president of the senate no later than January 1, 2015.

4. The superintendent of financial services may request, and is authorized to receive, any information from any state agencies that is relevant and material to the completion of this study and report. Such information shall be subject to the same requirements for confidentiality and limitations of use, if any, as are applicable to such state agency's use of such information.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed January 1, 2015.