

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT requiring the department of health to prepare a biennial report on the number of available ventilators at each hospital located within the state

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

- 1 Section 1. a. The department of health shall prepare a report on the
2 number of available ventilators at each hospital located within the
3 state. Such report shall list every hospital and the number of ventila-
4 tors available within each hospital. Such list of hospitals shall be
5 divided into regional groups. For the purpose of this act, "regional
6 groups" shall mean the ten economic development regions established by
7 the New York state department of economic development pursuant to
8 section 230 of the economic development law.
- 9 b. Such report shall include an analysis on whether the current number
10 of ventilators available within each hospital and within each region are
11 adequate to address a pandemic, epidemic or disease outbreak in which a
12 main symptom is a life-threatening difficulty in breathing that can only
13 be treated with a ventilator.
- 14 c. Such report shall include the following:
- 15 (i) the age and life-span of all ventilators;
- 16 (ii) recommendations on any state expenditures needed to support the
17 purchase of new ventilators in order to replace any out-of-date, non-
18 functioning or poorly functioning ventilators;
- 19 (iii) recommendations on any funding needed to increase the number of
20 ventilators within the state to meet the needs of a pandemic, epidemic
21 or disease outbreak;
- 22 (iv) recommendations on the number of trained hospital staff necessary
23 if the number of ventilators is increased in each hospital; and
- 24 (v) recommendations for training hospital staff to adequately operate
25 such ventilators.
- 26 § 2. The department of health shall deliver such report to the gover-
27 nor, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the assembly,

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

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1 the temporary president of the senate and the minority leader of the
2 senate no later than March 1, 2021 and biennially thereafter.
3 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.