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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to contact tracing of cases of AIDS, HIV related illness or HIV infection

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 1 and 3 of section 2133 of the public health
2 law, as added by chapter 163 of the laws of 1998, are amended to read as
3 follows:

4 1. [~~Every municipal health commissioner or the department's district~~
5 ~~health officer, upon determination that such reported case or, any other~~
6 ~~known case of HIV infection merits contact tracing in order to protect~~
7 ~~the public health,~~] Upon a case of AIDS, HIV related illness or HIV
8 infection being reported to the commissioner, the department shall
9 conduct contact tracing in order to protect the public health through
10 the use of municipal health commissioners or the department's district
11 health officers who will personally or through their qualified represen-
12 tatives notify the known contacts of the protected individual by any
13 means necessary. Such contact tracing shall be done consistent with
14 protocols developed pursuant to section twenty-one hundred thirty-seven
15 of this title.

16 3. In notifying any contact identified in the course of any investi-
17 gation conducted pursuant to this section, the physician or public
18 health officer shall not disclose the identity of the protected individ-
19 ual or the [~~identify~~] identity of any other contact. In notifying any
20 contact identified in the course of any investigation conducted pursuant
21 to this section, the physician or public health officer shall not inform
22 the contact in a manner that could be deemed damaging to the contact.

23 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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