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Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to direct the state comptroller to study fines and fees issued in the city of New York by the state liquor authority to establishments selling alcohol for consumption on the premises during the COVID-19 state disaster emergency; 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:

- 1 Section 1. 1. The state comptroller shall conduct a study of fines and
2 fees issued in the city of New York by the state liquor authority to
3 establishments selling alcohol for consumption on the premises during
4 the COVID-19 state disaster emergency.
5 2. For the purposes of this act:
6 (a) "COVID-19 state disaster emergency" shall mean the time period
7 during which executive order 202 of 2020 was in effect, beginning on
8 March 7, 2020 and ending on June 25, 2021.
9 (b) "Fine or fee" shall mean any monetary or regulatory punishment
10 issued by the state liquor authority, including the suspension or revo-
11 cation of a liquor license, for a violation of any executive order or
12 orders issued by the governor during the COVID-19 state disaster emer-
13 gency.
14 (c) "Racial demographics" shall mean the total percentage of people
15 identifying as a racial or ethnic minority, and the percentage of people
16 identifying as a non-racial or ethnic minority.
17 (d) "Racial or ethnic minority" shall mean any individual identifying
18 as one or more of the following: Black or African-American, Asian or
19 Pacific Islander, or Hispanic or Latino.
20 (e) "Non-racial or ethnic minority" shall mean any individual identi-
21 fying as White and not identifying as any racial or ethnic minority.

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

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1 3. Such study shall examine, at a minimum, the following in each of
2 the five boroughs in the city of New York:

3 (a) the total racial demographics of owners of establishments selling
4 alcohol for consumption on the premises;

5 (b) the number and total dollar amount of fines or fees issued to
6 establishments owned by a racial or ethnic minority; and

7 (c) the number and total dollar amount of fines or fees issued to
8 establishments owned by a non-racial or ethnic minority.

9 4. The state liquor authority shall cooperate with the state comp-
10 troller to ensure that the state comptroller is able to fulfill the
11 requirements of this study.

12 5. The study shall be completed and a report with any recommendations
13 shall be submitted to the governor, the temporary president of the
14 senate, and the speaker of the assembly within eight months of the
15 effective date of this act.

16 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
17 deemed repealed 1 year after such date.