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AN ACT directing the commissioner of the division of homeland security and emergency services to conduct a study on the state's COVID-19 pandemic response

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

Section 1. The commissioner of the division of homeland security and emergency services shall conduct an after-action review study of New York state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Such study shall explore every facet of New York state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including, but not limited to, the level of success or failure of each approach taken by all state and local governmental entities that took specific action in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to, actions of authorities and implementation of operations, logistics, resource management, communications, policies, and such state and local governmental entities' relationships with the centers for disease control and prevention.

§ 2. No later than one year after the effective date of this act, the commissioner of the division of homeland security and emergency services shall submit a report on the findings of the study under section one of this act to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the senate, and the minority leader of the assembly. Such report shall be divided into the following three sections: (i) an identification of the issue or issues; (ii) a discussion of such issue or issues; and (iii) recommendations to mitigate the effects of any potential future pandemics. Such report shall also be made public on the division of homeland security and emergency services' website and shared with the federal centers for disease control and prevention.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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