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AN ACT to authorize the department of health and the department of environmental conservation to commission a study on the effects of long-term, low radiation emissions from cellular phone antennas on human beings, specifically the physical and mental development of adolescents

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

Section 1. Public health study of the effects of long-term, low radiation emissions from cellular phone antennas. 1. The state department of health, in collaboration with the department of environmental conservation, shall immediately commission a study on the potential health risks and effects of long-term, low-radiation emissions from cellular phone towers, cellular phone antennas or base stations on human beings, with particular attention to the potential health risks and adverse effects on the mental and physical development of adolescents. The study shall include a review of all available data relating to the increased volume of cellular phone service carriers and of cellular phone towers, antennas or base stations, and shall examine the potential health risks and effects that such increases of cell phone service carriers and exposure to cellular phone towers, cellular phone antennas and base stations may have on human beings.

2. The commissioner of health and the commissioner of environmental conservation, or their designees, shall:

a. Prepare and submit a report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly, which includes all data, research and studies conducted on cellular phone service carriers, cellular phone towers and antennas, the effects of long-term human expo-

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

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sure to low-radiation emissions from cellular phone antennas, and more specifically, the potential health risks to the mental and physical development of adolescents exposed to such emissions. Such report shall be filed within six months of the effective date of this act, unless the commissioner of health or the commissioner of environmental conservation requests in writing, an extension of time; and

b. Send copies of such report to the office of the attorney general, the New York city department of buildings, the state congressional delegation, the United States senators from the state of New York and the Federal Communications Commission.

3. All other departments and agencies of the state or subdivisions thereof, and local governments shall, at the request of the commissioner of health or the commissioner of environmental conservation, provide expertise, assistance and data that will enable the commissioners to carry out their powers and duties.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.