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Introduced by M. of A. BENEDETTO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing and funding the trauma center fund

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

Section 1. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 95-h to read as follows:

S 95-H. THE NEW YORK STATE "TRAUMA CENTER FUND". 1. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED IN THE JOINT CUSTODY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND FINANCE AND THE COMPTROLLER A SPECIAL FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE NEW YORK STATE "TRAUMA CENTER FUND".

2. THE SUM OF FOUR MILLION DOLLARS ($4,000,000), OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, IS HEREBY APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE OUT OF ANY MONEYS IN THE STATE TREASURY IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE CREDIT OF THIS FUND NOT OTHERWISE APPROPRIATED, FOR ITS EXPENSES, INCLUDING PERSONAL SERVICE, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION, IN CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION SHALL PREVENT THE STATE FROM RECEIVING GRANTS, GIFTS OR BEQUESTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND AS DEFINED IN THIS SECTION AND DEPOSITING THEM INTO THE FUND ACCORDING TO LAW.

3. (A) MONIES OF THE FUND SHALL BE EXPENDED FOR ADMINISTRATION, TRAINING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL, TRAUMA AND DISASTER CARE IN TRAUMA CENTERS LOCATED IN GENERAL HOSPITALS AND OTHER HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ACCREDITED BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW.

(B) AS USED IN THIS SECTION "TRAUMA CENTER" MEANS A FACILITY CAPABLE OF PROVIDING DEFINITIVE TRAUMA CARE.

(C) AS USED IN THIS SECTION "TRAUMA CARE" MEANS HEALTH CARE PROVIDED TO PATIENTS AT HIGH RISK OF DEATH OR DISABILITY FROM MULTIPLE AND SEVERE INJURIES.

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

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4. MONIES SHALL BE PAYABLE FROM THE FUND ON THE AUDIT AND WARRANT OF THE COMPTROLLER ON VOUCHERS APPROVED AND CERTIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.