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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing a bladder cancer screening program for firefighters

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

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new article 27-JJ to read as follows:

ARTICLE 27-JJ

BLADDER CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM; FIREFIGHTERS

SECTION 2799-JJ. BLADDER CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM; FIREFIGHTERS.

S 2799-JJ. BLADDER CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM; FIREFIGHTERS. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH, PROMOTE AND MAINTAIN A PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM REGARDING THE INCIDENCE OF BLADDER CANCER IN FIREFIGHTERS IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE SUCH PERSONS TO SEEK MEDICAL CARE FOR THE PREVENTION OR TREATMENT OF ANY MALIGNANT CONDITIONS RESULTING FROM OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. SUCH PROGRAM SHALL BE CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, PRE-EMPLOYMENT TESTING, ANNUAL TESTING, AND OTHER FOLLOW-UP TESTING AS MAY BE RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT; DATA COLLECTION OF ALL INCIDENCES OF BLADDER CANCER IN FIREFIGHTERS AND RELATED PROFESSIONS IN THIS STATE; AND A PROGRAM OF EDUCATION FOR SUCH GROUPS. ALL PARTICIPATION BY FIREFIGHTERS IN THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE VOLUNTARY. SUCH PROGRAM SHALL EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR ANNUAL TESTING AND THE NEED TO REMAIN INFORMED ABOUT ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING LINKS BETWEEN FIREFIGHTERS' OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND BLADDER CANCER.

THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DESIGNATE AND MAY ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH PROVIDERS OF HEALTH CARE AND/OR BLADDER CANCER TESTING MATERIALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING REGIONAL SCREENING PROGRAMS FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND

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

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RELATED PROFESSIONS. IN SELECTING SUCH PROVIDER, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSIDER SUCH PROVIDER'S COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL STANDARDS, SUCH PROVIDER'S LOCATION IN RELATION TO GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF FIREFIGHTERS, AND THE CAPACITY OF SUCH PROVIDER TO PROPERLY SCREEN FOR BLADDER CANCER USING THE MOST ACCURATE AND ECONOMICALLY EFFICIENT MEANS AVAILABLE.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE OF ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE EFFECTIVENESS, IMPACT AND BENEFITS DERIVED FROM SUCH SPECIAL PROGRAMS. SUCH REPORT SHALL BE FILED WITH THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY AND SHALL CONTAIN EVALUATIONS OF SUCH SPECIAL PROGRAMS, AND ANY RECOMMENDED LEGISLATION.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law.