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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring the commissioner of health to study and issue a report on the provision of health care to indigent populations in the state

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 206 of the public health law is amended by adding a new paragraph (t) to read as follows:

(T) ANALYZE THE DIFFERING REQUIREMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS AT THE FEDERAL AND STATE LEVELS FOR THE PROVISION OF INDIGENT CARE; DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL THE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS (INCLUDING MEDICAID, HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT BAD DEBT AND CHARITY CARE, HOSPITAL'S VOLUNTARY PROGRAM OF CHARITY CARE WITH INCOME THRESHOLDS FOR FINANCIAL AID, ETC.); AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE FORM OF A REPORT FOR CHANGES SO THE PROGRAMS WORK WELL TOGETHER TO PROVIDE OPTIMUM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE IN NEED. SUCH REPORT SHALL BE ISSUED TO THE GOVERNOR, THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY. IN ORDER TO MEET THE GOALS OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSIONER MAY REQUEST AND ACCEPT INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS FROM INTERESTED PARTIES.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately, and the commissioner of health shall issue the first report required by paragraph (t) of subdivision 1 of section 206 of the public health law, as added by section one of this act, on or before the one hundred eightieth day after such effective date.

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

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