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Introduced by M. of A. SCHROEDER, MILLMAN, COLTON, LATIMER, LUPARDO --
Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. CLARK, LAVINE -- read once and referred
to the Committee on Labor

AN ACT in relation to authorizing and directing the department of labor
to study workplace abuse and harassment

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

- 1 Section 1. Legislative findings. The legislature finds that the social
2 and economic well-being of the state is dependent upon healthy and
3 productive employees. Research on hostile workplace behaviors indicates
4 that a significant percent of employees will experience health-endanger-
5 ing workplace abuse and harassment at some point in their working
6 careers. In addition to harming the target of such abuse, this behavior
7 also has consequences for employers, including reduced employee produc-
8 tivity and morale, higher turnover and absenteeism rates, and signif-
9 icant increases in medical and workers' compensation claims.
- 10 S 2. The department of labor is hereby authorized and directed to
11 study hostile workplace behavior, including psychological and emotional
12 abuse, and its consequences, including but not limited to costs incurred
13 by the workers' compensation system, and shall develop recommendations
14 to reduce workplace abuse and harassment; and report its findings to the
15 legislature and the governor within one year of the effective date of
16 this act.
- 17 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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