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AN ACT to amend the public health law, the vehicle and traffic law and the state finance law, in relation to establishing the save our sight program and the save our sight fund

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

1     Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 22  
2     to read as follows:

3     S 22. SAVE OUR SIGHT PROGRAM. THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONSULTATION WITH  
4     THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES, IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO  
5     ESTABLISH WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, A SAVE OUR SIGHT PROGRAM. SUCH PROGRAM  
6     SHALL:

7     1. PROVIDE SUPPORT TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT OFFER VISION  
8     SCREENING AND EDUCATION SERVICES;

9     2. IMPLEMENT A VOLUNTARY CHILDREN'S VISION SCREENING TRAINING AND  
10    CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR VOLUNTEERS, CHILD DAY-CARE PROVIDERS, NURSES,  
11    TEACHERS, HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS PRACTICING IN PRIMARY CARE SETTINGS  
12    AND FOR OTHER PERSONS SERVING CHILDREN;

13    3. DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A REGISTRY AND TARGETED VOLUNTARY CASE  
14    MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO DETERMINE WHETHER CHILDREN WITH AMBLYOPIA ARE  
15    RECEIVING PROFESSIONAL EYE CARE AND TO PROVIDE PARENTS AND LEGAL GUARDI-  
16    ANS OF CHILDREN WITH AMBLYOPIA WITH INFORMATION AND SUPPORT REGARDING  
17    SUCH CHILDREN'S VISION;

18    4. ESTABLISH A MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE AND DISTRIB-  
19    UTION OF PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR TO CHILDREN;

20    5. PROVIDE VISION HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAMS AND MATERIALS TO CLASS-  
21    ROOMS; AND

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

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1 6. FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION FOUR HUNDRED ONE-C OF THE VEHICLE AND  
2 TRAFFIC LAW, TO DEVELOP MATERIALS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF EYE CARE AND  
3 SAFETY AND TO DELIVER SUCH MATERIALS TO THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHI-  
4 CLES FOR DISTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION FOUR HUNDRED ONE-C OF THE  
5 VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW.

6 S 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section  
7 401-c to read as follows:

8 S 401-C. SAVE OUR SIGHT PROGRAM; VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION. IN ADDITION  
9 TO THE FEES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE, EVERY APPLICATION FOR  
10 REGISTRATION OR RENEWAL REGISTRATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE AND EVERY APPLI-  
11 CATION FOR AN OPERATOR'S LICENSE OR FOR RENEWAL THEREOF SHALL PROVIDE AN  
12 OPTION TO THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE BEING REGISTERED OR APPLICANT TO MAKE  
13 A ONE-DOLLAR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO THE SAVE OUR SIGHT FUND ESTAB-  
14 LISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION EIGHTY-ONE OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW. THE  
15 COMMISSIONER SHALL COLLECT SUCH ADDITIONAL ONE DOLLAR FROM ANY PERSON  
16 WHO OPTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO SUCH FUND. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ALSO MAKE  
17 AVAILABLE TO EVERY PERSON APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION OR RENEWAL REGISTRA-  
18 TION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE AND EVERY APPLICATION FOR AN OPERATOR'S LICENSE  
19 OR FOR RENEWAL THEREOF MATERIALS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF EYE CARE AND SAFE-  
20 TY PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH PURSUANT TO SECTION TWENTY-TWO  
21 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL FORWARD ALL MONEYS  
22 RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION TO THE COMPTROLLER  
23 FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE SAVE OUR SIGHT FUND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
24 EIGHTY-ONE OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW.

25 S 3. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 81 to  
26 read as follows:

27 S 81. SAVE OUR SIGHT FUND. 1. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED IN THE  
28 CUSTODY OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER, A FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAVE OUR  
29 SIGHT FUND.

30 2. SUCH FUND SHALL CONSIST OF ALL MONEYS APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURPOSE  
31 OF SUCH FUND, ALL MONEYS TRANSFERRED TO SUCH FUND PURSUANT TO LAW AND  
32 ALL MONEYS REQUIRED TO BE PAID TO THE CREDIT OF SUCH FUND PURSUANT TO  
33 SECTION FOUR HUNDRED ONE-C OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW.

34 3. MONEYS OF THE FUND SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION AND ALLO-  
35 CATION ONLY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSES OF CARRYING  
36 OUT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION TWENTY-TWO OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW AND  
37 SECTION FOUR HUNDRED ONE-C OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW.

38 4. MONEYS OF THE FUND, WHEN AVAILABLE, SHALL BE PAID OUT ON THE AUDIT  
39 AND WARRANT OF THE COMPTROLLER ON VOUCHERS CERTIFIED OR APPROVED BY THE  
40 COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH OR BY AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
41 HEALTH DESIGNATED BY SUCH COMMISSIONER.

42 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.