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Introduced by Sen. SAMPSON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to authorizing a pilot program for enhanced prior approval of high cost diagnostic radiology services

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

- 1     Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section  
2     369-gg to read as follows:  
3     S 369-GG. PILOT PROGRAM FOR ENHANCED PRIOR APPROVAL OF HIGH COST DIAG-  
4     NOSTIC RADIOLOGY SERVICES. 1. PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE HUNDRED  
5     SIXTY-THREE OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW, THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH SHALL,  
6     WITHIN THE FISCAL YEAR OF TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN--TWO THOUSAND TWELVE,  
7     CONTRACT WITH QUALIFIED BIDDERS TO PERFORM PILOT PROJECTS TO ASSESS THE  
8     FEASIBILITY OF REDUCING MEDICALLY UNNECESSARY HIGH COST RADIOLOGICAL  
9     PROCEDURES AND GENERALIZING COST SAVINGS TO THE STATE THROUGH ENHANCED  
10    MEDICAL MANAGEMENT AND PRIOR REVIEW OF ORDERS FOR DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING.  
11    2. THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH SHALL SELECT AN ENTITY TO PERFORM SUCH  
12    PILOT PROJECT UTILIZING THE FOLLOWING SELECTION CRITERIA:  
13    (A) THE ENTITY SHALL HAVE AT LEAST ONE YEAR'S EXPERIENCE UTILIZING AND  
14    CURRENTLY UTILIZING LICENSED PROFESSIONALS TO CONDUCT INTAKE OF  
15    PATIENTS;  
16    (B) THE ENTITY SHALL HAVE AT LEAST ONE YEAR'S EXPERIENCE UTILIZING AND  
17    CURRENTLY UTILIZING ONLY LICENSED RADIOLOGISTS TO MAKE PRIOR REVIEW  
18    DETERMINATIONS;  
19    (C) THE ENTITY SHALL HAVE AT LEAST ONE YEAR'S EXPERIENCE UTILIZING AND  
20    CURRENTLY UTILIZING LICENSED RADIOLOGISTS TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMA-  
21    TION, AS NECESSARY, FROM THE TREATING PROVIDER;  
22    (D) THE ENTITY SHALL BE BASED IN NEW YORK AND AT LEAST FIFTY PERCENT  
23    OF THE ENTITY'S EMPLOYEES SHALL RESIDE IN NEW YORK.

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

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1     S 2. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this act  
2 shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid,  
3 such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder  
4 thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence,  
5 paragraph, section, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy  
6 in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

7     S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.