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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to creating the 21st
century workgroup for disease elimination and reduction

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

1 Section 1. Article 2 of the public health law is amended by adding a
2 new title 6 to read as follows:

3 TITLE 6

4 THE 21ST CENTURY WORKGROUP FOR DISEASE ELIMINATION AND REDUCTION
5 SECTION 266. THE 21ST CENTURY WORKGROUP FOR DISEASE ELIMINATION AND
6 REDUCTION.

7 S 266. THE 21ST CENTURY WORKGROUP FOR DISEASE ELIMINATION AND
8 REDUCTION. THE 21ST CENTURY WORKGROUP FOR DISEASE ELIMINATION AND
9 REDUCTION IS HEREBY CREATED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. THE WORKGROUP SHALL:

10 1. BE COMPRISED OF EXPERTS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT'S BUREAU OF IMMUNIZA-
11 TION, EXPERTS ON THE IMMUNIZATION ADVISORY COUNCIL AND OTHER EXPERTS THE
12 COMMISSIONER DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CHARGED WITH THE MISSION OF REVIEWING
13 EXISTING VACCINES, THE STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
14 FOR VACCINES LIKELY TO BE CANDIDATES FOR THE PHARMACEUTICAL MARKETPLACE,
15 AND TO REVIEW THE STATUS OF HEALTH THREATS WHICH COULD BE ADDRESSED BY
16 THE DEVELOPMENT OF VACCINES;

17 2. STUDY THE SEVERITY, FREQUENCY OF OCCURRENCE, LIKELIHOOD OF RECUR-
18 RENCE, EXISTING ANIMAL VACCINES AND POTENTIAL HUMAN VACCINES FOR TUBER-
19 CULOSIS, EASTERN EQUINE ENCEPHALITIS VIRUS, LYME DISEASE, HUMAN IMMUNO-
20 DEFICIENCY VIRUS, AND ANY OTHER DISEASE OR VIRUS THE COMMISSIONER DEEMS
21 APPROPRIATE;

22 3. CONSULT WITH NATIONAL VACCINE AND IMMUNIZATION POLICY MAKING ORGAN-
23 IZATIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUN-
24 IZATION PRACTICES UNDER THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION,
25 THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AND THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ALLERGY
26 AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES;

27 4. APPLY FOR GRANTS, ACCEPT GIFTS FROM PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SOURCES FOR
28 PURPOSES SET FORTH HEREIN; AND

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

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1 5. REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE COMMISSIONER, THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE
2 SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE CHAIR OF THE SENATE STANDING
3 COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, AND THE CHAIR OF THE ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE.
4 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.