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Introduced by M. of A. ARROYO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to authorize and direct the commissioner of health to research the availability of any test used to determine the presence of synthetic marijuana and/or cannabinoids in a person's system

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

Section 1. Legislative findings and purpose. The legislature finds and declares that synthetic marijuana and cannabinoids are leading to many health problems in our state. Many young men and women are ending up in the hospital acting extremely violent and confused, one of the symptoms of these increasingly popular drugs. The lack of testing capabilities has made it difficult to diagnose and treat those under the influence of such drugs. Therefore, the commissioner of health and department of health shall conduct a study on developing a test to determine the presence of synthetic marijuana and/or cannabinoids in a person's system.

S 2. The commissioner of health is hereby authorized and directed to research the availability of any test used to determine the presence of synthetic marijuana and/or cannabinoids in a person's system. Such commissioner shall consult with any agency, medical personnel, or laboratory he or she deems appropriate to conduct such study. If such commissioner determines that no such test currently exists, he or she shall further research the feasibility of creating such a test. Within 12 months from the effective date of this act, such commissioner shall transmit the results of such research, along with any recommendations for the use or development of any tests to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly.

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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