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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to directing the department of health to conduct a prescription drug product stewardship disposal program study

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 3343-c to read as follows:

§ 3343-c. Prescription drug product stewardship disposal program study. The department shall study the feasibility of creating and mechanisms necessary to implement a product stewardship program whereby consumers would be incentivized and encouraged to return unused or unwanted controlled substances and other prescription drugs, and pharmaceutical manufacturers would be required to provide funding or coupons so that consumers returning such substances and drugs would receive either a cash or coupon incentive for such returns to an approved location for safe disposal. The department's study shall include stakeholder engagement and recommendations for implementing a prescription drug product stewardship disposal program. The department shall prepare and submit a report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly setting forth the information gathered and recommendations being put forth as a result of the study no later than May first, two thousand eighteen.

§ 2. 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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