STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to direct the department of health and the department of environmental conservation to conduct a study analyzing linkages between cancer and neurological diseases and contaminated environments; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. Public health study of linkages between cancer and neurological diseases and environmental contamination. 1. The department of health, in cooperation with the department of environmental conservation, shall conduct a study of the potential linkages between cancer and neurological diseases including, but not limited to, autism and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. Such study shall:

a. review all available data related to instances of cancer and neurological diseases;

b. review all available data of instances of environmental contamination; and

c. identify any linkages between such data identified in paragraphs a and b of this subdivision.

2. The department of health and the department of environmental conservation shall then prepare a report to the governor and the legislature which includes an analysis of the findings of any linkages between cancer and neurological diseases and contaminated environments. Such report shall be filed within one year of the effective date of this act, unless the commissioner of health requests in writing, an extension of time.

3. For the purposes of this section, "environmental contamination" shall mean the introduction into water, air and/or soil of microorganisms, chemicals, toxic substances, wastes or waste water in a concentration that makes the water, air and/or soil unfit for its intended use.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately; (a) provided, however, that this act shall continue in full force and effect for one year from

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

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such effective date, or until the department of health reports to the governor and the legislature as required by section one of this act, whichever date is later, when upon such date the provisions of this act shall be deemed repealed; and

(b) provided that the commissioner of health shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon filing the report required in section one of this act in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.