STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

May 24, 2020

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Aubry) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to require the department of health to conduct a study on the health impacts of COVID-19 on minorities in New York state

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

Section 1. 1. The department of health shall conduct a study on the differential health impacts of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) on racial and ethnic minorities in New York state. The purpose of the study shall be to:

(a) identify COVID-19 statewide and regional rates of infection, hospitalization, recovery and mortality and any racial and ethnic disparities in such rates, and the potential medical, environmental, and system-related factors that may have contributed to such disparities;

(b) review the extent to which racial and ethnic disparities in COVID-19 infection, hospitalization, recovery and mortality rates in a geographic area indicate the need to increase access to health care services and availability of disparity mitigation and prevention strategies in that area; and

(c) identify ways to reduce or eliminate racial and ethnic disparities that contributed to such disparities in COVID-19 infection, hospitalization, recovery and mortality rates.

2. Within one year after the effective date of this act, the department of health shall prepare and submit to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the senate and the minority leader of the assembly a report containing the study's findings concerning the rates of COVID-19 infection, hospitalization, recovery and mortality and any racial and ethnic disparities in such rates and recommendations for legislative or other actions that can be undertaken to reduce or eliminate racial and ethnic disparities and increase access to health care services and disparity mitigation and prevention strategies in the state.

§ 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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