STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

December 4, 2020

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to administering a COVID-19 vaccine

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

Section 1. Article 21 of the public health law is amended by adding a new title 8 to read as follows:

TITLE 8

COVID-19

Section 2178. COVID-19 vaccination.

§ 2178. COVID-19 vaccination. 1. At the time a vaccination for COVID-19 is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research vaccine product approval process and the New York state clinical advisory task force, such vaccination shall be required to be safely and effectively distributed in accordance with the department's COVID-19 vaccination administration program.

2. Once the United States Food and Drug Administration's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research and the New York state clinical advisory task force have approved the safety and effectiveness of a COVID-19 vaccination and promotion and distribution plans of such vaccine have begun pursuant to the department's COVID-19 vaccination administration program, if public health officials determine that residents of the state are not developing sufficient immunity from COVID-19, the department shall mandate vaccination for all individuals or groups of individuals who, as shown by clinical data, are proven to be safe to receive such vaccine.

3. Any individual who has received a medical exemption from a licensed medical professional shall not be mandated to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and shall be excluded from the requirements of this section.

§ 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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