STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SAVINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Internet and Technology

AN ACT creating a temporary state commission to study and investigate how to regulate artificial intelligence, robotics and automation; 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. A temporary state commission, to be known as the New York state artificial intelligence, robotics and automation commission (hereinafter "commission"), is hereby created to study and make determinations on issues including but not limited to:

(a) current law within this state addressing artificial intelligence, robotics and automation;

(b) comparative state policies that have aided in creating a regulatory structure for artificial intelligence, robotics and automation, and whether such measures would be similarly effective in this state;

(c) criminal and civil liability regarding violations of law caused by entities equipped with artificial intelligence, robotics and automation;

(d) the impact of artificial intelligence, robotics and automation on employment in this state;

(e) the impact of artificial intelligence, robotics and automation on the acquiring and disclosure of confidential information;

(f) potential restrictions on the use of artificial intelligence, robotics and automation in weaponry; and

(g) the potential impact on the technology industry of any regulatory measures proposed by this study.

§ 2. The commission shall consist of eleven members to be appointed as follows: five shall be appointed by the governor; two shall be appointed by the temporary president of the senate and one by the minority leader of the senate; and two shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly and one by the minority leader of the assembly. The members of the

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

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commission shall serve at the pleasure of the official making the appointment of such member. Of the five members appointed by the governor, two shall be from the office of information technology services. Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled in the manner provided for original appointments. Membership on the commission shall not constitute a public office. A chairperson and vice-chairperson of the commission shall be elected by a majority of its members, all members being present.

§ 3. The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant to this act.

§ 4. The commission may conduct any hearings or take any written testimony as it deems necessary, and shall take all other steps necessary to provide a thorough analysis of all issues related to the provisions listed in section one of this act.

§ 5. The commission shall issue its final report no later than one hundred eighty days after the effective date of this act. The commission shall issue its final report to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the assembly, the temporary president of the senate, and the minority leader of the senate.

§ 6. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire one year after such date.