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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. FELDER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to creating a Crohn's and colitis identification card

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 article 19 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 19

CROHN'S AND COLITIS IDENTIFICATION CARD

Section 1900. Definition.

1901. Crohn's and colitis identification card.

§ 1900. Definition. As used in this article, "eligible medical condition" means Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, any other inflammatory bowel disease, irritable bowel syndrome or any other medical condition that requires immediate access to a toilet facility.

§ 1901. Crohn's and colitis identification card. 1. The commissioner shall develop an identification card denoting that a person has been medically diagnosed with an eligible medical condition. Such identification card may be presented pursuant to article twenty-eight-F of the general business law, in order to gain access to restroom facilities as necessary.

2. Upon the request of a person with an eligible medical condition, the department shall issue such Crohn's and colitis identification card in accordance with eligibility and documentation criteria established by the department for a fee to be determined by the commissioner.

3. The front of such card shall indicate that it has been issued by the department pursuant to this section and shall include:

(a) the card bearer's name;

(b) the card bearer's address;

(c) the card bearer's date of birth;

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

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(d) the following statement: "MEDICAL ALERT: RESTROOM ACCESS REQUIRED"; and

(e) the following statement in smaller font: "The holder of this card suffers from Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis or other inflammatory bowel disease. These autoimmune diseases are not contagious. These are painful conditions and need immediate access to a restroom."

4. The back of such card shall include:

(a) a reference to the Crohn's and colitis fairness act, article twenty-eight-F of the general business law; and

(b) the following statement: "Complaints regarding enforcement should be directed to the New York State Attorney General's Consumer Helpline".

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment, and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.