

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

April 27, 2020

Introduced by Sens. PARKER, BAILEY, HOYLMAN, METZGER, SEPULVEDA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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:

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

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

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

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

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

27 § 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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