

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

June 3, 2020

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

AN ACT in relation to authorizing and directing the department of health to update the report entitled "New York State Department of Health Building Resilience Against Climate Effects (BRACE) in New York State"

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

- 1 Section 1. The department of health is authorized and directed to  
2 update the climate and health profile set forth in the June 2015 report  
3 entitled "New York State Department of Health Building Resilience  
4 Against Climate Effects (BRACE) in New York State". Such update shall  
5 include, but not be limited to, the following New York state climate-re-  
6 lated public health issues:
- 7 a. health vulnerability indicators;
  - 8 b. disease burden projection tools;
  - 9 c. an expansion of vector borne disease vulnerability, including, but  
10 not limited to, vulnerability to COVID-19; and
  - 11 d. any other climate-related public health issue the department deems  
12 appropriate to include or expand upon in such report update.
- 13 § 2. The department of health shall seek funding for the BRACE report  
14 update from the federal center for disease control and any other source  
15 that provided funding for the initial report.
- 16 § 3. The updated BRACE report shall be used by the department of  
17 health and any other state agency with appropriate expertise and author-  
18 ity in matters relating to public health and/or climate effects in order  
19 to advance public health initiatives of the state following the COVID-19  
20 pandemic.
- 21 § 4. On or before one year after the effective date of this act, a  
22 draft copy of the updated BRACE report shall be circulated to agencies  
23 throughout the state for comment and recommendations.
- 24 § 5. On or before one year after the effective date of this act, a  
25 draft copy of the updated BRACE report shall be submitted to New York  
26 state climate action council established by section 75-0103 of the envi-  
27 ronmental conservation law. Such council shall comment and make recom-

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

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1 mendations the council deems appropriate to help achieve the statewide  
2 greenhouse gas emissions limits and clean energy goals set forth in  
3 article 75 of the environmental conservation law.

4 § 6. On or before two years after the effective date of this act, a  
5 copy of the final updated BRACE report shall be submitted to the gover-  
6 nor, the legislature, the New York state climate action council and  
7 agencies throughout the state, and shall be made available on the offi-  
8 cial website of the department of health.

9 § 7. This act shall take effect immediately.