AN ACT requiring the commissioner of health to promulgate rules and regulations requiring nursing homes and residential health care facilities to test all residents of such nursing homes and residential health care facilities for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

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

Section 1. (a) Within 14 days after the effective date of this act, the commissioner of health shall promulgate rules and regulations requiring nursing homes and residential health care facilities to test all residents of such nursing homes and residential health care facilities for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) during the state disaster emergency declared pursuant to Executive Order Number 202 of 2020, as amended, every 30 days, and additionally, within one week after a member of the staff of the facility or nursing home or another resident tests positive for COVID-19, and for sixty days after the expiration of such Executive Order, as amended.

(b) Sixty days after the state disaster emergency declared pursuant to Executive Order Number 202 of 2020, as amended, has ended, all residents of such nursing homes and residential health care facilities shall be tested for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) within 7 days after a member of the staff or another resident of such nursing home or residential health care facility tests positive for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and shall subsequently be tested 30 days thereafter.

$ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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