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## IN ASSEMBLY

May 22, 2020

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Gottfried) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT permitting any uninsured individual to receive free coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) testing

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

1 Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, any unin-2 sured individual, regardless of immigration status shall be eligible for 3 coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) testing at no cost. All information 4 collected pursuant to this act shall be confidential as provided for 5 under state, federal or any other applicable law related to the confi-6 dential treatment of patient and medical data. Access to such informa-7 tion shall be limited and used only to the extent that the information 8 is necessary to protect public health.

9 § 2. Necessary funding to provide testing pursuant to section one of 10 this act shall come from existing resources, federal funds and appropri-11 ations from the general fund.

12 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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