

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

December 4, 2020

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to administering a COVID-19 vaccine

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

1 Section 1. Article 21 of the public health law is amended by adding a  
2 new title 8 to read as follows:

3 TITLE 8

4 COVID-19

5 Section 2178. COVID-19 vaccination.

6 § 2178. COVID-19 vaccination. 1. At the time a vaccination for COVID-  
7 19 is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration's  
8 Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research vaccine product approval  
9 process and the New York state clinical advisory task force, such vacci-  
10 nation shall be required to be safely and effectively distributed in  
11 accordance with the department's COVID-19 vaccination administration  
12 program.

13 2. Once the United States Food and Drug Administration's Center for  
14 Biologics Evaluation and Research and the New York state clinical advi-  
15 sory task force have approved the safety and effectiveness of a COVID-19  
16 vaccination and promotion and distribution plans of such vaccine have  
17 begun pursuant to the department's COVID-19 vaccination administration  
18 program, if public health officials determine that residents of the  
19 state are not developing sufficient immunity from COVID-19, the depart-  
20 ment shall mandate vaccination for all individuals or groups of individ-  
21 uals who, as shown by clinical data, are proven to be safe to receive  
22 such vaccine.

23 3. Any individual who has received a medical exemption from a licensed  
24 medical professional shall not be mandated to receive the COVID-19  
25 vaccine and shall be excluded from the requirements of this section.

26 § 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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