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Introduced by M. of A. ORTIZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law and the agriculture and markets law, in relation to establishing a state diabetes coordinator within the department of health

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

Section 1. Article 2 of the public health law is amended by adding a new title 7 to read as follows:

TITLE VII

STATE DIABETES COORDINATOR

Section 268. State diabetes coordinator.

268-a. Duties.

268-b. Reports.

§ 268. State diabetes coordinator. There is hereby established within the department a state diabetes coordinator. The state diabetes coordinator shall be appointed by the commissioner in consultation with the governor, or designee of the governor. The state diabetes coordinator shall report directly to the commissioner in carrying out the provisions of this title.

§ 268-a. Duties. The state diabetes coordinator shall have the following duties:

1. to serve as the principal advisor to the commissioner on methods, procedures and other actions available to reduce the incidence of diabetes and its complications, to improve the quality of life for persons with diabetes and to reduce the costs associated with the treatment of diabetes paid by persons with diabetes and by the state;

2. to develop a reliable measurement for the incidence of persons with diabetes within the state;

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

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3. to develop and coordinate the implementation of a statewide strategy to reduce the incidence, progression and impact of diabetes and its complications within the state;

4. to provide leadership and coordination between governmental agencies and across public and private sectors to ensure that diabetes related programs and policies of the department are coordinated both within the department and with programs and policies of federal, state and local agencies with the goals of avoiding duplication of effort, maximizing the impact of such programs and policies and marshalling all government resources toward the common objective of reducing the incidence of diabetes and its complications; and

5. to coordinate public and private resources to develop and direct a public awareness campaign regarding the prevention and control of diabetes and its complications.

§ 268-b. Reports. 1. Not later than one year after the effective date of this title, the commissioner, in consultation with the state diabetes coordinator, shall report to the governor and the legislature on a state strategy to reduce the incidence, progression and impact of diabetes and its complications within the state.

2. Not later than one year after the effective date of this title, the commissioner of agriculture and markets, in consultation with the state diabetes coordinator, shall report to the governor and the legislature on the ways in which food programs and nutritional support can be better targeted at concerns specific to persons at risk for diabetes and to persons already diagnosed with diabetes whose complications from diabetes may be reduced with diet.

3. The commissioner, in consultation with the state diabetes coordinator, shall submit biennial reports to the governor and the legislature on the impact and progress that the policies and programs set forth in this title have made on the reduction of the incidence of diabetes and its complications within the state. The first biennial report required by this subdivision shall be made not later than three years after the effective date of this title.

§ 2. Section 16 of the agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new subdivision 50 to read as follows:

50. Report to the governor and the legislature pursuant to subdivision two of section two hundred sixty-eight-b of the public health law.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.