STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 29, 2019

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to screening blood donations for babesia microti; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 3121-a to read as follows:

§ 3121-a. Temporary screening of blood donations for babesia microti. 1. The commissioner is hereby authorized and directed to establish a one year screening program for all blood donations to screen such donations for the presence of babesia microti. The commissioner shall consult with the American Red Cross when designing such program.

2. The commissioner shall, within ninety days of the conclusion of the babesia microti screening program, report the findings and conclusions of such program to the governor, temporary president of the senate, speaker of the assembly and the council on human blood and transfusion services. Such report shall include recommendations on whether all blood donations should be screened for babesia microti on a permanent basis.

§ 2. The temporary screening of blood donations for babesia microti required by section one of this act shall be established and all donated blood shall be screened for babesia microti commencing within one hundred eighty days from the date this act shall have become a law.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed two years after such date.

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

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