AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to a study to analyze
the adequacy of health networks and the delivery of gerontologic
services and senior health care in New York state

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-

bly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section
2703 to read as follows:

§ 2703. Delivery of gerontologic services and senior health care. The
commissioner, in conjunction with the Charles D. Cook Office of Rural
Health, shall conduct a study to analyze the adequacy of health networks
and the delivery of gerontologic services and senior health care in this
state. The study shall contain, but not be limited to, evaluations of
access to care and specialized practitioners in all areas of the state
with a focus on identifying underserved or unserved areas as well as
at-risk senior populations. The study shall consider, among other
things, transportation concerns related to accessing care, the utiliza-
tion of telehealth and telemedicine in senior populations and any imped-
iments thereto, the availability of specialized practitioners, as well
as highly prevalent chronic diseases or conditions requiring additional
education, prevention, and service supports. The study shall also
consider incentive options used in New York state, other states, and at
the federal level to encourage physicians and nurse practitioners to
practice in gerontology or focus on services for the elderly including,
but not limited to, the incorporation of targeted gerontology supports
into the primary care practitioner scholarship program as articulated by
section nine hundred four of this chapter, as a qualifying shortage
specialty as defined in section two thousand eight hundred seven-m of
this chapter, or any other public health programming deemed appropriate.
The report shall contain recommendations to address the specified

EXPLANATION--Matter in **italics** (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[ ] is old law to be omitted.
considerations in addition to other relevant concerns related to health care delivery and senior populations. The commissioner shall deliver the report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly no later than October first, two thousand twenty.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.