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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. FELDER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to creating a Crohn's and colitis identification card

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

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new article 19
2 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 19

CROHN'S AND COLITIS IDENTIFICATION CARD

Section 1900. Definition.

1901. Crohn's and colitis identification card.

7 § 1900. Definition. As used in this article, "eligible medical condi-
8 tion" means Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, any other inflammatory
9 bowel disease, irritable bowel syndrome or any other medical condition
10 that requires immediate access to a toilet facility.

11 § 1901. Crohn's and colitis identification card. 1. The commissioner
12 shall develop an identification card denoting that a person has been
13 medically diagnosed with an eligible medical condition. Such identifica-
14 tion card may be presented pursuant to article twenty-eight-F of the
15 general business law, in order to gain access to restroom facilities as
16 necessary.

17 2. Upon the request of a person with an eligible medical condition,
18 the department shall issue such Crohn's and colitis identification card
19 in accordance with eligibility and documentation criteria established by
20 the department for a fee to be determined by the commissioner.

21 3. The front of such card shall indicate that it has been issued by
22 the department pursuant to this section and shall include:

23 (a) the card bearer's name;

24 (b) the card bearer's address;

25 (c) the card bearer's date of birth;

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

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1 (d) the following statement: "MEDICAL ALERT: RESTROOM ACCESS
2 REQUIRED"; and

3 (e) the following statement in smaller font: "The holder of this card
4 suffers from Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis or other inflammatory
5 bowel disease. These autoimmune diseases are not contagious. These are
6 painful conditions and need immediate access to a restroom."

7 4. The back of such card shall include:

8 (a) a reference to the Crohn's and colitis fairness act, article twen-
9 ty-eight-F of the general business law; and

10 (b) the following statement: "Complaints regarding enforcement should
11 be directed to the New York State Attorney General's Consumer Helpline".

12 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
13 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
14 ment, and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the imple-
15 mentation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made
16 and completed on or before such effective date.