STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 6, 2020

Introduced by Sen. SALAZAR -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Internet and Technology

AN ACT to establish a temporary state commission to evaluate the manipulation of new technologies to commit domestic violence; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. There is hereby established a temporary commission, to be known as the "commission to evaluate the manipulation of new technologies to commit domestic violence", hereinafter "the commission", for the purpose of studying how new technologies are being used by individuals, including but not limited to, stalkers and domestic violence perpetrators, to abuse, harass and victimize their targets.

§ 2. The commission shall consist of nine members to be appointed as follows:

(a) five members to be appointed by the governor;

(b) one member to be appointed by the temporary president of the senate;

(c) one member to be appointed by the speaker of the assembly;

(d) one member to be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; and

(e) one member to be appointed by the minority leader of the assembly.

§ 3. (a) The commission shall study how new technologies are being used by individuals to stalk, harass, abuse and continue to victimize their targets by studying issues including but not limited to:

(i) what current technologies are being used by individuals against their targets;

(ii) how individuals are using such technologies to victimize their targets;

(iii) comparative state policies that have aided in creating a regulatory structure for such technologies and whether such measures would be similarly effective in this state; and

(iv) the potential impact on the technology industry of any regulatory measures proposed by this study.

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

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(b) The commission shall prepare and publish a report of its findings and recommendations on how state law needs to be updated to protect possible victims and current victims of stalking and domestic violence from the threat of such new technologies.

§ 4. The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant to this act.

§ 5. In conducting such study, the commission may conduct any hearings or take any written testimony as it deems necessary and may consult with any state or local office, agency, or department and request information from any such entity that is relevant and material to the completion of this study and report.

§ 6. The commission shall submit a report detailing the findings of the study to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, the temporary president of the senate, the minority leader of the senate and the minority leader of the assembly by September 1, 2021.

§ 7. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire December 31, 2021 when upon such date the provisions of this act shall be deemed repealed.