

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

March 23, 2020

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Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT permitting any uninsured individual to receive free coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) testing

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

- 1 Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, any unin-  
2 sured individual, regardless of immigration status shall be eligible for  
3 coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) testing at no cost. All information  
4 collected pursuant to this act shall be confidential as provided for  
5 under state, federal or any other applicable law related to the confi-  
6 dential treatment of patient and medical data. Access to such informa-  
7 tion shall be limited and used only to the extent that the information  
8 is necessary to protect public health.
- 9 § 2. Necessary funding to provide testing pursuant to section one of  
10 this act shall come from existing resources, federal funds and appropri-  
11 ations from the general fund.
- 12 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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