# STATE OF NEW YORK

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# IN SENATE

April 27, 2020

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

AN ACT to require the department of health to conduct a study on the health impacts of COVID-19 on minorities in New York state

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

Section 1. 1. The department of health shall conduct a study on the health impacts of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) on minorities in New York state. The purpose of the study shall be to:

(a) identify COVID-19 statewide and regional rates of infection, hospitalization, recovery and mortality and any racial and ethnic disparities in such rates, and medical, non-medical, and system-related factors that may have contributed to such rate disparities;

(b) review the extent to which racial and ethnic disparities in COVID-19 infection, hospitalization, recovery and mortality rates in a geographic area indicate the need to increase access to health care services in that area; and

(c) identify ways to reduce or eliminate racial and ethnic disparities that contributed to such disparities in COVID-19 infection, hospitalization, recovery and mortality rates.

2. Within one year after the effective date of this act, the department of health shall prepare and submit to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the senate and the minority leader of the assembly a report containing the study's findings concerning the rates of COVID-19 infection, hospitalization, recovery and mortality and any racial and ethnic disparities in such rates and recommendations for legislative or other actions that can be undertaken to reduce or eliminate racial and ethnic disparities and increase access to health care services in the state.

§ 2. This act take effect immediately.

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

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