STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SANTABARBARA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing the Lyme disease vaccine study fund

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

Section 1. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 86 to read as follows:

§ 86. Lyme disease vaccine study fund. 1. There is hereby established in the custody of the state comptroller a special fund to be known as the "Lyme disease vaccine study fund".

2. The sources of funds shall consist of all moneys collected therefor, or moneys credited or transferred thereto from any other fund or source pursuant to law, or any other moneys made available for the purposes of such fund.

3. (a) Moneys of such fund shall be expended to the department of health to study the development of a Lyme disease vaccine. Such study shall:

(i) examine and evaluate current research and progress in the development of a Lyme disease vaccine;

(ii) identify potential barriers to the development of a Lyme disease vaccine;

(iii) identify issues with the widespread distribution of a Lyme disease vaccine;

(iv) evaluate the costs of developing a Lyme disease vaccine; and

(v) make recommendations as to how to fund such vaccine's development.

(b) The department of health may also provide grants for the purpose of advancing the study and development of a Lyme disease vaccine.

4. Monies shall be payable from the fund on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers approved and certified by the commissioner of health.

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

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5. On or before the first day of February each year, the commissioner of health shall provide a written report to the temporary president of the senate, speaker of the assembly, chair of the senate finance committee, chair of the assembly ways and means committee, chair of the senate committee on health, chair of the assembly health committee, the state comptroller and the public. Such report shall include how the monies of the fund were utilized during the preceding calendar year, and shall include:

(a) the amount of money disbursed from the fund and the process used for such disbursements;

(b) recipients of awards from the fund;

(c) the amount awarded to each;

(d) the purposes for which such awards were granted; and

(e) a summary financial plan for such monies which shall include estimates of all receipts and all disbursements for the current and succeeding fiscal years, along with the actual results from the prior fiscal year.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.