

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to enact the "one percent spending reduction act"

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "one  
2 percent spending reduction act".

3 § 2. For the purposes of this section, the term "agency" shall refer  
4 to any agency, department, bureau, commission, board, task force,  
5 committee, public benefit corporation, or public authority of this  
6 state.

7 § 3. The state comptroller shall conduct a study to examine, evaluate,  
8 and make recommendations concerning the budget of all agencies in this  
9 state and create a plan to reduce such budgets by one percent each year  
10 over an eight-year period. Such study shall address the following:

11 (a) identifying any administrative waste, fraud, and abuse in such  
12 agencies;

13 (b) methods to consolidate programs and create savings, including  
14 identifying programs that overlap or duplicate each other in their  
15 purpose;

16 (c) recommendations for process reforms to streamline government  
17 administration;

18 (d) the potential for modernization and technological advances to  
19 assist in such budget reductions;

20 (e) any other areas of excess spending in such budgets as determined  
21 by the state comptroller; and

22 (f) the creation of a plan to reduce such budgets by one percent each  
23 year for an eight-year period, without cuts to any social security or  
24 retirement programs or an increase in taxation.

25 § 4. Such plan as described in section three of this act shall be made  
26 to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of

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

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1 the assembly, the minority leader of the senate, and the minority leader  
2 of the assembly no later than one year after the effective date of this  
3 act.

4 § 5. The state comptroller may request, and is authorized to receive,  
5 any information from any agency to complete this study and report. Such  
6 information received by the state comptroller shall be subject to the  
7 same requirements for confidentiality and limitations on use, if any, as  
8 are applicable to such state agency's use of such information.

9 § 6. This act shall take effect immediately.