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IN SENATE

January 14, 2021

Introduced by Sens. SANDERS, MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

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:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, any uninsured individual, regardless of immigration status shall be eligible for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) testing at no cost. All information collected pursuant to this act shall be confidential as provided for under state, federal or any other applicable law related to the confidential treatment of patient and medical data. Access to such information shall be limited and used only to the extent that the information is necessary to protect public health.

§ 2. Funding, within available appropriations, shall be provided for testing pursuant to section one of this act.

§ 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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