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## IN SENATE

January 20, 2021

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to donation of blood  
by patients with a history of Lyme or tick-borne illnesses

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

1 Section 1. Section 3121 of the public health law is amended by adding  
2 a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

3 6. (a) The council shall review all current medical research and guid-  
4 ance regarding the donation of blood by patients with a history of Lyme  
5 or tick-borne illnesses, including but not limited to:

6 (i) human anaplasmosis;

7 (ii) babesiosis;

8 (iii) human ehrlichiosis;

9 (iv) Rocky Mountain spotted fever;

10 (v) Powassan virus;

11 (vi) Southern tick-associated rash illness; and

12 (vii) other related illnesses and co-infections.

13 (b) (i) The council shall, within ninety days after the effective date  
14 of this subdivision, issue recommendations to the commissioner regarding  
15 the collection, testing, and distribution of blood donations with Lyme  
16 and tick-borne illnesses present or reported in a patient history,  
17 including but not limited to:

18 (1) considerations of the current state of medical research; and

19 (2) recommendations for temporary or permanent moratoriums on the  
20 collection of blood with Lyme and tick-borne related illnesses present.

21 (ii) Upon immediate receipt of such recommendation, the commissioner  
22 shall provide a copy of such to the speaker of the assembly and the  
23 temporary president of the senate.

24 § 2. 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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