STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- 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 adding autism to the list of conditions covered for lawful medical use of marihuana

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

Section 1. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 7 of section 3360 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 273 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

- (i) having one of the following severe debilitating or life-threatening conditions: cancer, <u>autism</u>, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, damage to the nervous tissue of the spinal cord with objective neurological indication of intractable spasticity, epilepsy, inflammatory bowel disease, neuropathies, Huntington's disease, post-traumatic stress disorder, pain that degrades health and functional capability where the use of medical marihuana is an alternative to opioid use, substance use disorder, or as added by the commissioner; and
- § 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that the amendments to section 3360 of the public health law made by section one of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

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

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