STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 1, 2021

Introduced by Sen. KENNEDY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Mental Health

AN ACT authorizing and directing the commissioner of mental health to conduct a study on the suicide rates of taxi medallion holders and taxi drivers in the state; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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

Section 1. 1. The commissioner of mental health is authorized and directed to conduct a study on the suicide rates of taxi medallion holders and taxi drivers in the state and what factors contribute to such rates.

2. In conducting such study, the commissioner of mental health may consult with any state or local office, agency, or department and request information from any such entity that is relevant and material to the completion of this study and report.

3. Within one year after the effective date of this section, the commissioner of mental health shall prepare and submit to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the senate and the minority leader of the assembly a report containing the study's findings concerning the suicide rate of taxi medallion holders and taxi drivers, the factors contributing to such rate and recommendations for legislative or other actions that can be undertaken to reduce or eliminate suicides by taxi medallion holders and taxi drivers.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed 2 years after such date.

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

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