AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring COVID-19 testing of employees at nursing homes and residential health care facilities

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

1. Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2805-aa to read as follows:

   § 2805-aa. COVID-19 testing. 1. Every nursing home and residential health care facility shall, at least once a week, test every employee at such nursing home or residential health care facility for COVID-19. If such employee has not received the full set of vaccinations for COVID-19, such testing shall occur at least twice a week.

2. § 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the provisions of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed upon the expiration of the declared state of disaster emergency relating to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and provided, further, that the commissioner of health shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the occurrence of the expiration of the state disaster emergency declared by executive order number 202 and any further amendments or modifications, and as may be further extended pursuant to section 28 of the executive law, in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.

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