

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

May 10, 2021

Introduced by Sen. COONEY -- 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 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  
2 2805-aa to read as follows:

3 § 2805-aa. COVID-19 testing. 1. Every nursing home and residential  
4 health care facility shall, at least once a week, test every employee at  
5 such nursing home or residential health care facility for COVID-19. If  
6 such employee has not received the full set of vaccinations for COVID-  
7 19, such testing shall occur at least twice a week.

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9 provisions of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed upon the  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

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

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