STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to direct the New York state department of health to conduct a study on the incidences of cancer clusters in cities and towns having a population of more than ninety thousand

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

Section 1. 1. The commissioner of the New York state department of health is hereby authorized and directed to prepare or have prepared a study of the incidences of cancer clusters in all cities and towns having a population of more than ninety thousand inhabitants as determined by the last federal decennial census. Such study shall include an analysis of high risk neighborhoods examining disparities in: income, race and ethnicity, public and private housing, proximity to major sources of air pollution, proximity to major sources of carcinogens, and an evaluation of the effectiveness of existing medical facilities in each city. The study shall include recommendations for evidence-based interventions to address the high burden of cancer clusters in each city and town included in the study.

2. For the purposes of this act, "cancer cluster" shall mean a greater-than-expected number of cancer cases that occurs within a group of people in a geographic area over a period of time.

§ 2. The study shall be completed and posted on the department of health's website by September thirtieth, two thousand twenty-three.

§ 3. 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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