

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

March 15, 2022

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Women's Issues

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing the fibroid study fund

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

1 Section 1. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 87  
2 to read as follows:

3 § 87. Fibroid study fund. 1. There is hereby established in the custo-  
4 dy of the state comptroller a special fund to be known as the "fibroid  
5 study fund".

6 2. The sources of funds shall consist of all moneys collected there-  
7 for, or moneys credited or transferred thereto from any other fund or  
8 source pursuant to law, or any other moneys made available for the  
9 purposes of such fund.

10 3. (a) Moneys of such fund shall be expended to the department of  
11 health to study fibroids and the alleviation of pain caused by fibroids.  
12 Such study shall:

13 (i) examine and evaluate current research and progress in the study of  
14 fibroids;

15 (ii) examine and evaluate current treatment methods for fibroids;

16 (iii) identify potential barriers to access to treatment for fibroids;

17 (iv) examine the symptoms and effects of fibroids on women of color;

18 (v) identify any potential barriers to access to treatment for  
19 fibroids, in addition to barriers identified pursuant to subparagraph  
20 (iii) of this paragraph, for women of color;

21 (vi) make recommendations as the development of treatment methods for  
22 fibroids;

23 (vii) make recommendations to remove any potential barriers to access  
24 to treatment of fibroids; and

25 (viii) make recommendations to remove any potential barriers to access  
26 to treatment of fibroids specific to potential barriers to access to  
27 treatment faced by women of color.

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

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1 (b) The department of health may also provide grants for the purpose  
2 of advancing the study of fibroids.

3 4. Monies shall be payable from the fund on the audit and warrant of  
4 the comptroller on vouchers approved and certified by the commissioner  
5 of health.

6 5. On or before the first day of February each year, the commissioner  
7 of health shall provide a written report to the temporary president of  
8 the senate, speaker of the assembly, chair of the senate finance commit-  
9 tee, chair of the assembly ways and means committee, chair of the senate  
10 committee on health, chair of the assembly health committee, the state  
11 comptroller and the public. Such report shall include how the monies of  
12 the fund were utilized during the preceding calendar year, and shall  
13 include:

14 (a) the amount of money disbursed from the fund and the process used  
15 for such disbursements;

16 (b) recipients of awards from the fund;

17 (c) the amount awarded to each;

18 (d) the purposes for which such awards were granted; and

19 (e) a summary financial plan for such monies which shall include esti-  
20 mates of all receipts and all disbursements for the current and succeed-  
21 ing fiscal years, along with the actual results from the prior fiscal  
22 year.

23 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.