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Introduced by M. of A. SMITH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to enact the "one percent spending reduction act"

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "one percent spending reduction act".

§ 2. For the purposes of this section, the term "agency" shall refer to any agency, department, bureau, commission, board, task force, committee, public benefit corporation, or public authority of this state.

§ 3. The state comptroller shall conduct a study to examine, evaluate, and make recommendations concerning the budget of all agencies in this state and create a plan to reduce such budgets by one percent each year over an eight-year period. Such study shall address the following:

(a) identifying any administrative waste, fraud, and abuse in such agencies;

(b) methods to consolidate programs and create savings, including identifying programs that overlap or duplicate each other in their purpose;

(c) recommendations for process reforms to streamline government administration;

(d) the potential for modernization and technological advances to assist in such budget reductions;

(e) any other areas of excess spending in such budgets as determined by the state comptroller; and

(f) the creation of a plan to reduce such budgets by one percent each year for an eight-year period, without cuts to any social security or retirement programs or an increase in taxation.

§ 4. Such plan as described in section three of this act shall be made to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of

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

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the assembly, the minority leader of the senate, and the minority leader of the assembly no later than one year after the effective date of this act.

§ 5. The state comptroller may request, and is authorized to receive, any information from any agency to complete this study and report. Such information received by the state comptroller shall be subject to the same requirements for confidentiality and limitations on use, if any, as are applicable to such state agency's use of such information.

§ 6. This act shall take effect immediately.