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Introduced by M. of A. BICHOTTE HERMELYN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to contact tracing of cases of AIDS, HIV related illness or HIV infection

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

Section 1. Subdivisions 1 and 3 of section 2133 of the public health law, as added by chapter 163 of the laws of 1998, are amended to read as follows:

1. [~~Every municipal health commissioner or the department's district health officer, upon determination that such reported case or, any other known case of HIV infection merits contact tracing in order to protect the public health,~~] **Upon a case of AIDS, HIV related illness or HIV infection being reported to the commissioner, the department** shall **conduct contact tracing in order to protect the public health through the use of municipal health commissioners or the department's district health officers who will** personally or through their qualified representatives notify the known contacts of the protected individual **by any means necessary**. Such contact tracing shall be done consistent with protocols developed pursuant to section twenty-one hundred thirty-seven of this title.

3. In notifying any contact identified in the course of any investigation conducted pursuant to this section, the physician or public health officer shall not disclose the identity of the protected individual or the [~~identify~~] **identity** of any other contact. **In notifying any contact identified in the course of any investigation conducted pursuant to this section, the physician or public health officer shall not inform the contact in a manner that could be deemed damaging to the contact.**

§ 2. 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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