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Introduced by M. of A. WOERNER, EPSTEIN, SAYEGH, WILLIAMS, GRIFFIN, GALEF, STECK, ZEBROWSKI -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. DeSTEFANO, MONTESANO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to direct the department of health and the department of environmental conservation to conduct a study analyzing linkages between cancer and neurological diseases and contaminated environments; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. Public health study of linkages between cancer and neuro-
2 logical diseases and environmental contamination. 1. The department of
3 health, in cooperation with the department of environmental conserva-
4 tion, shall conduct a study of the potential linkages between cancer and
5 neurological diseases including, but not limited to, autism and amy-
6 trophic lateral sclerosis. Such study shall:
7 a. review all available data related to instances of cancer and neuro-
8 logical diseases;
9 b. review all available data of instances of environmental contam-
10 ination; and
11 c. identify any linkages between such data identified in paragraphs a
12 and b of this subdivision.
13 2. The department of health and the department of environmental
14 conservation shall then prepare a report to the governor and the legis-
15 lature which includes an analysis of the findings of any linkages
16 between cancer and neurological diseases and contaminated environments.
17 Such report shall be filed within one year of the effective date of this
18 act, unless the commissioner of health requests in writing, an extension
19 of time.
20 3. For the purposes of this section, "environmental contamination"
21 shall mean the introduction into water, air and/or soil of microorgan-

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

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1 isms, chemicals, toxic substances, wastes or waste water in a concen-
2 tration that makes the water, air and/or soil unfit for its intended
3 use.

4 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately; (a) provided, however,
5 that this act shall continue in full force and effect for one year from
6 such effective date, or until the department of health reports to the
7 governor and the legislature as required by section one of this act,
8 whichever date is later, when upon such date the provisions of this act
9 shall be deemed repealed; and

10 (b) provided that the commissioner of health shall notify the legisla-
11 tive bill drafting commission upon filing the report required in section
12 one of this act in order that the commission may maintain an accurate
13 and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the
14 state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of
15 section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public offi-
16 cers law.