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Introduced by M. of A. BUTTENSCHON, STIRPE, GRIFFIN, FRONTUS, GUNTHER, WOERNER, HUNTER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Labor -- reference changed to the Committee on Governmental Operations -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT in relation to conducting a study on the use of solid antimicrobial materials for touch surfaces in the construction of public buildings

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

Section 1. For the purposes of this act, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Solid antimicrobial materials" means solid products or surfaces that kill or slow the spread of microorganisms including bacteria, viruses, protozoans and fungi.

(b) "Touch surface" means any surface or fixture within a building that a person frequently comes into contact with, including but not limited to: door handles, bathroom fixtures, bed rails, handrails and light switches.

§ 2. The commissioner of health, in consultation with the commissioner of the office of general services, shall conduct a study on the use of solid antimicrobial materials for touch surfaces in the construction of public buildings in this state.

§ 3. The study shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following information:

(a) identification of different types of solid antimicrobial materials, including but not limited to silver and copper, and the effectiveness of each such material in reducing the spread of disease and infection;

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

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(b) the potential costs, including the potential cost benefits, if any, associated with the use of solid antimicrobial materials for touch surfaces;

(c) the feasibility of using solid antimicrobial materials for touch surfaces, including an analysis of the market availability of such materials;

(d) identification of frequently touched surfaces that could present an infection risk; and

(e) recommendations for the type or types of solid antimicrobial materials to be used for touch surfaces in the construction of public buildings in this state.

§ 4. The commissioner of health shall submit such study to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly within one year after the effective date of this act.

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately.