

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

January 14, 2021

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Introduced by Sens. SANDERS, MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and  
when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT permitting any uninsured individual to receive free coronavirus  
disease 2019 (COVID-19) testing

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

- 1     Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, any unin-  
2     sured individual, regardless of immigration status shall be eligible for  
3     coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) testing at no cost. All information  
4     collected pursuant to this act shall be confidential as provided for  
5     under state, federal or any other applicable law related to the confi-  
6     dential treatment of patient and medical data. Access to such informa-  
7     tion shall be limited and used only to the extent that the information  
8     is necessary to protect public health.  
9     § 2. Funding, within available appropriations, shall be provided for  
10    testing pursuant to section one of this act.  
11    § 3. 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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