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Introduced by Sen. HELMING -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT prohibiting the prioritization of elected officials over health-care workers, members of vulnerable populations, or first responders for purposes of receiving any vaccine against COVID-19

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding any law, rule, regulation or order to the contrary, no person holding elected office in this state shall be given priority over healthcare workers, members of vulnerable populations, or first responders for purposes of receiving any vaccine against the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) unless such elected official is also a healthcare worker, member of a vulnerable population or a first responder, or otherwise qualifies as a member of a group to which priority in COVID-19 vaccination is given by The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Nothing in this act shall prohibit the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine to any elected official when such vaccine is widely available to the general public or when The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention declare any such person to be eligible to receive one or more COVID-19 vaccines. Nothing in this act shall prohibit the administration of a second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine to a person who has already received the first dose of such vaccine.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all elected officials who have not already received the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine on such effective date.

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

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