

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. KENNEDY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Internet and Technology

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to establishing a lymphedema and lymphatic diseases research grants program; and to amend the state finance law, in relation to creating the lymphedema and lymphatic diseases research and education fund

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

1 Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new
2 section 3153-a to read as follows:

3 § 3153-a. Lymphedema and lymphatic diseases research grants program.

4 1. The foundation shall, within available appropriations, establish the
5 lymphedema and lymphatic diseases research grants program, hereafter
6 "grants program". The grants program shall be administered by the foun-
7 dation, in consultation with the department of health. Such grants
8 program funds shall be used to provide financial assistance in the form
9 of grants, not to exceed fifty thousand dollars per grant, to New York
10 state biomedical research institutions for working capital to further
11 new and emerging research and development for the diagnosis and treat-
12 ment of lymphedema and lymphatic diseases. Such grants shall be awarded
13 on a competitive basis to biomedical research institutions responding to
14 requests for proposals issued by the foundation when funds are appropri-
15 ated.

16 2. (a) "Biomedical research institution" shall mean a not-for-profit
17 university, college, hospital, private or federal research laboratory
18 located in New York state, or a consortium of such entities, that
19 conducts an intensive and ongoing program of research and development
20 directly related to lymphedema and/or lymphatic diseases research.

21 (b) "Lymphedema" shall mean an accumulation of lymphatic fluid in the
22 interstitial tissue that causes swelling, most often in the arms and/or
23 legs, and occasionally in other parts of the body, from any cause.

24 (c) "Lymphatic diseases" shall include but not be limited to: insuf-
25 ficiency of lymphatic circulatory function (to include all forms of
26 lymphedema), lipedema, complex congenital diseases of the lymphatic

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

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1 grants, gifts or bequests for the purposes of the fund as defined in
2 this section and depositing them into the fund according to law.

3 3. Monies of the fund shall be expended only for lymphedema and lymphatic diseases research and education projects approved by the department of health.

4 4. (a) "Lymphedema" shall mean an accumulation of lymphatic fluid in
5 the interstitial tissue that causes swelling, most often in the arms
6 and/or legs, and occasionally in other parts of the body, regardless of
7 cause.

8 (b) "Lymphatic diseases" shall include but not be limited to: insufficiency of lymphatic circulatory function (to include all forms of lymphedema), lipedema, complex congenital diseases of the lymphatic vasculature, including lymphangiomatosis, lymphangioleio-myomatosis, lymphangiectasias, lymphangiomas, cystic hygromas, Gorham's disease, lymphangiosarcoma, and complex vascular/lymphatic malformations.

9 (c) "Lymphedema and lymphatic diseases research and education projects" shall mean research by qualified researchers, as determined by the department of health, to stimulate research on the pathogenesis and new treatments for lymphedema and lymphatic diseases. Education projects are those projects which promote and provide information on lymphedema and lymphatic diseases including: prevention, diagnosis, treatment, long-term chronic care, and/or research by qualified organizations as determined by the department of health.

10 5. Monies shall be payable from the fund on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers approved and certified by the commissioner of health.

11 6. To the extent practicable, the commissioner of health shall ensure that all monies received during a fiscal year are expended prior to the end of that fiscal year.

12 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.