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IN SENATE

March 15, 2022

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Women's Issues

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing a uterine fibroids awareness and education program

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

Section 1. Title 6 of article 2 of the public health law, as added by chapter 342 of the laws of 2014, is amended by adding a new section 267-a to read as follows:

§ 267-a. Uterine fibroids awareness and education program. 1. The department shall conduct an ongoing public awareness and education program under section two hundred seven of this article on the symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of uterine fibroids and the elevated risk for minority women.

2. The department shall produce and distribute educational materials on the elevated risks of uterine fibroids for minority women, symptoms of uterine fibroids and available treatments. Such materials shall be made available to appropriate health care providers for distribution to patients. The department shall also provide information on the symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of uterine fibroids and the elevated risk for minority women on the department's internet website. No provision of this subdivision shall be deemed to prohibit the utilization and distribution of educational materials relating thereto produced by any public, private or governmental entity, in lieu of the department's production of such materials.

3. The department shall periodically review available data on the symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of uterine fibroids and the elevated risk for minority women and update the information provided in its educational materials and on its internet website, as appropriate.

4. The department shall report every three years, commencing January first, two thousand twenty-five, to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly on the implementation of this section and any recommendations for furthering the purpose of this section.

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

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5. Implementation of this section shall be contingent upon and shall be conducted within appropriations made therefor.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.