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Introduced by M. of A. GUNTHER, STECK, HEVESI, COLTON, J. M. GIGLIO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the public health law and the executive law, in relation to establishing the sexual assault forensic examiner grant program

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

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2805-aa to read as follows:

§ 2805-aa. Sexual assault forensic examiner grant program. 1. There is hereby created within the department a sexual assault forensic examiner grant program to be administered by the commissioner, in consultation with the crime victims board, to award grants to provide statewide access to victims of sexual assault to services provided by sexual assault forensic examiners.

2. A grant may be awarded upon submission of an application to the commissioner. Such application for a grant shall demonstrate a specific need for an award of a grant to provide sexual assault forensic examiners with the training and resources to assist victims of sexual assault.

§ 2. Section 631 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 19 to read as follows:

19. Sexual assault forensic grants shall be available upon the submission of an application to the commissioner of health pursuant to section twenty-eight hundred five-aa of the public health law.

§ 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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