

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. RIVERA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to direct the New York state department of health to conduct a study on the incidences of cancer clusters in cities and towns having a population of more than ninety thousand

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

1 Section 1. 1. The commissioner of the New York state department of  
2 health is hereby authorized and directed to prepare or have prepared a  
3 study of the incidences of cancer clusters in all cities and towns  
4 having a population of more than ninety thousand inhabitants as deter-  
5 mined by the last federal decennial census. Such study shall include an  
6 analysis of high risk neighborhoods examining disparities in: income,  
7 race and ethnicity, public and private housing, proximity to major  
8 sources of air pollution, proximity to major sources of carcinogens, and  
9 an evaluation of the effectiveness of existing medical facilities in  
10 each city. The study shall include recommendations for evidence-based  
11 interventions to address the high burden of cancer clusters in each city  
12 and town included in the study.

13 2. For the purposes of this act, "cancer cluster" shall mean a great-  
14 er-than-expected number of cancer cases that occurs within a group of  
15 people in a geographic area over a period of time.

16 § 2. The study shall be completed and posted on the department of  
17 health's website by September 30, 2025.

18 § 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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