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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, the state finance law, the tax law and the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to ovarian cancer research

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

1 Section 1. The opening paragraph of paragraph (b) and paragraph (d) of
2 subdivision 1 of section 2410 of the public health law, the opening
3 paragraph of paragraph (b) as added and paragraph (d) as amended by
4 chapter 32 of the laws of 2008, are amended to read as follows:

5 the governor shall appoint six regional members, three of whom shall
6 serve as full voting members and three of whom shall serve as alterna-
7 tive members without voting rights. Such regional members shall be
8 persons who have or have had breast or ovarian cancer, and shall be
9 actively involved with a community-based, grass-roots breast or ovarian
10 cancer organization. Two of such appointments shall be made upon the
11 recommendation of the temporary president of the senate and two shall be
12 made upon the recommendation of the speaker of the assembly. One
13 regional member shall be appointed from each of the following geographic
14 areas of the state: Long Island, New York City, the Hudson Valley,
15 Northern New York, Central New York and Western New York. The order of
16 appointments and recommendations for appointments and voting rights
17 shall rotate as follows:

18 (d) the governor shall appoint one voting member who shall be a person
19 who has or has survived breast or ovarian cancer and one voting member
20 who shall be a person who has or has survived prostate or testicular
21 cancer.

22 § 2. Paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (e) and (h) of subdivision 1 of section
23 2411 of the public health law, as amended by section 5 of part A of
24 chapter 60 of the laws of 2014, are amended to read as follows:

25 (a) Survey state agencies, boards, programs and other state govern-
26 mental entities to assess what, if any, relevant data has been or is

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

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1 being collected which may be of use to researchers engaged in breast or
2 ovarian cancer research;

3 (b) Consistent with the survey conducted pursuant to paragraph (a) of
4 this subdivision, compile a list of data collected by state agencies
5 which may be of assistance to researchers engaged in breast or ovarian
6 cancer research as established in section twenty-four hundred twelve of
7 this title;

8 (c) Consult with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the
9 National Institutes of Health, the Federal Agency For Health Care Policy
10 and Research, the National Academy of Sciences and other organizations
11 or entities which may be involved in cancer research to solicit both
12 information regarding breast or ovarian cancer research projects that
13 are currently being conducted and recommendations for future research
14 projects;

15 (e) Solicit, receive, and review applications from public and private
16 agencies and organizations and qualified research institutions for
17 grants from the breast and ovarian cancer research and education fund,
18 created pursuant to section ninety-seven-yy of the state finance law, to
19 conduct research or educational programs which focus on the causes,
20 prevention, screening, treatment and cure of breast and ovarian cancer
21 and may include, but are not limited to mapping of breast [~~cancer~~] and
22 ovarian cancers, and basic, behavioral, clinical, demographic, environ-
23 mental, epidemiologic and psychosocial research. The board shall make
24 recommendations to the commissioner, and the commissioner shall, in his
25 or her discretion, grant approval of applications for grants from those
26 applications recommended by the board. The board shall consult with the
27 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of
28 Health, the Federal Agency For Health Care Policy and Research, the
29 National Academy of Sciences, breast and ovarian cancer advocacy groups,
30 and other organizations or entities which may be involved in breast and
31 ovarian cancer research to solicit both information regarding breast and
32 ovarian cancer research projects that are currently being conducted and
33 recommendations for future research projects. As used in this section,
34 "qualified research institution" may include academic medical insti-
35 tutions, state or local government agencies, public or private organiza-
36 tions within this state, and any other institution approved by the
37 department, which is conducting a breast and ovarian cancer research
38 project or educational program. If a board member submits an application
39 for a grant from the breast and ovarian cancer research and education
40 fund, he or she shall be prohibited from reviewing and making a recom-
41 mendation on the application;

42 (h) Meet at least six times in the first year, at the request of the
43 chair and at any other time as the chair deems necessary. The board
44 shall meet at least two times a year and as needed thereafter. Provided,
45 however, that at least one such meeting a year shall be a public hear-
46 ing, at which the general public may question and present information
47 and comments to the board with respect to the operation of the health
48 research science board, the breast and ovarian cancer research and
49 education fund, and pesticide reporting established pursuant to sections
50 33-1205 and 33-1207 of the environmental conservation law. At such hear-
51 ing, the commissioner of the department of environmental conservation or
52 his or her designee shall make a report to the board with respect to the
53 efficiency and utility of pesticide reporting established pursuant to
54 sections 33-1205 and 33-1207 of the environmental conservation law.
55 Should the existing bylaws be amended by the board, any such amendments
56 shall be consistent with the revisions of this paragraph[+].

§ 3. Section 2412 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 219 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2412. Agency implementation. All state agencies, including, but not limited to, the departments of agriculture and markets, environmental conservation, and health, shall review their programs and operations (pursuant to guidelines established by the board) to determine whether they currently collect data which may be of use to researchers engaged in breast, ovarian, prostate or testicular cancer research. Any agency collecting such data shall forward a description of the data to the health research science board.

§ 4. Section 2413 of the public health law, as amended by section 5-a of part A of chapter 60 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2413. Biennial report. The commissioner shall submit a report on or before January first commencing in nineteen hundred ninety-nine, and biennially thereafter, to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly concerning the operation of the health research science board. Such report shall include recommendations from the health research science board including, but not limited to, the types of data that would be useful for breast and ovarian cancer researchers and whether private citizen use of residential pesticides should be added to the reporting requirements. The report shall also include a summary of research requests granted or denied. In addition, such report shall include an evaluation by the commissioner, the commissioner of the department of environmental conservation and the health research science board of the basis, efficiency and scientific utility of the information derived from pesticide reporting pursuant to sections 33-1205 and 33-1207 of the environmental conservation law and recommend whether such system should be modified or continued. The report shall include a summary of the comments and recommendations presented by the public at the board's public hearings.

§ 5. Section 97-yy of the state finance law, as added by chapter 279 of the laws of 1996, subdivisions 2 and 2-a as amended by chapter 385 of the laws of 2007, and subdivision 2-b as amended by chapter 453 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

§ 97-yy. Breast and ovarian cancer research and education fund. 1. There is hereby established in the joint custody of the commissioner of taxation and finance and the comptroller, a special fund to be known as the "breast and ovarian cancer research and education fund".

2. Such fund shall consist of all revenues received by the department of taxation and finance, pursuant to the provisions of section two hundred nine-D and section six hundred twenty-seven of the tax law, all moneys collected pursuant to section four hundred four-q of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter five hundred twenty-eight of the laws of nineteen hundred ninety-nine, and all other moneys appropriated, credited, or transferred thereto from any other fund or source pursuant to law. For each state fiscal year, there shall be appropriated to the fund by the state, in addition to all other moneys required to be deposited into such fund, an amount equal to the amounts of monies collected and deposited into the fund pursuant to sections two hundred nine-D and six hundred twenty-seven of the tax law and section four hundred four-q of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter five hundred twenty-eight of the laws of nineteen hundred ninety-nine, and the amounts of moneys received and deposited into the fund from grants, gifts and bequests during the preceding calendar year, as certified by the comptroller. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the state from receiving

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 2-a. On or before the first day of February each year, the comptroller
4 shall certify to the governor, temporary president of the senate, speak-
5 er of the assembly, chair of the senate finance committee and chair of
6 the assembly ways and means committee, the amount of money deposited in
7 the breast and ovarian cancer research and education fund during the
8 preceding calendar year as the result of revenue derived pursuant to
9 sections two hundred nine-D and six hundred twenty-seven of the tax law
10 and section four hundred four-q of the vehicle and traffic law, as added
11 by chapter five hundred twenty-eight of the laws of nineteen hundred
12 ninety-nine, and from grants, gifts and bequests.

13 2-b. On or before the first day of February each year, the commission-
14 er of health shall provide a written report to the temporary president
15 of the senate, speaker of the assembly, chair of the senate finance
16 committee, chair of the assembly ways and means committee, chair of the
17 senate committee on health, chair of the assembly health committee, the
18 state comptroller and the public. Such report shall include how the
19 monies of the fund were utilized during the preceding calendar year, and
20 shall include:

21 (i) the amount of money dispersed from the fund and the award process
22 used for such disbursements;

23 (ii) recipients of awards from the fund;

24 (iii) the amount awarded to each;

25 (iv) the purposes for which such awards were granted; and

26 (v) a summary financial plan for such monies which shall include esti-
27 mates of all receipts and all disbursements for the current and succeed-
28 ing fiscal years, along with the actual results from the prior fiscal
29 year.

30 3. Monies of the fund shall be expended only for breast and ovarian
31 cancer research and educational projects. As used in this section,
32 "breast and ovarian cancer research and education projects" means scien-
33 tific research or educational projects which, pursuant to section two
34 thousand four hundred eleven of the public health law, are approved by
35 the department of health, upon the recommendation of the health research
36 science board.

37 4. Monies shall be payable from the fund on the audit and warrant of
38 the comptroller on vouchers approved and certified by the commissioner
39 of health.

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

43 § 6. Section 209-D of the tax law, as added by chapter 279 of the laws
44 of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

45 § 209-D. Gift for breast and ovarian cancer research and education.
46 Effective for any tax year commencing on or after January first, nine-
47 teen hundred ninety-six, a taxpayer in any taxable year may elect to
48 contribute to the support of the breast and ovarian cancer research and
49 education fund. Such contribution shall be in any whole dollar amount
50 and shall not reduce the amount of the state tax owed by such taxpayer.
51 The commissioner shall include space on the corporate income tax return
52 to enable a taxpayer to make such contribution. Notwithstanding any
53 other provision of law, all revenues collected pursuant to this section
54 shall be credited to the breast and ovarian cancer research and educa-
55 tion fund and shall be used only for those purposes enumerated in
56 section ninety-seven-yy of the state finance law.

1 § 7. Section 627 of the tax law, as added by chapter 279 of the laws
2 of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

3 § 627. Gift for breast and ovarian cancer research and education.
4 Effective for any tax year commencing on or after January first, nine-
5 teen hundred ninety-six, an individual in any taxable year may elect to
6 contribute to the breast and ovarian cancer research and education fund.
7 Such contribution shall be in any whole dollar amount and shall not
8 reduce the amount of state tax owed by such individual. The commissioner
9 shall include space on the personal income tax return to enable a
10 taxpayer to make such contribution. Notwithstanding any other provision
11 of law all revenues collected pursuant to this section shall be credited
12 to the breast and ovarian cancer research and education fund and used
13 only for those purposes enumerated in section ninety-seven-yy of the
14 state finance law.

15 § 8. Section 404-q of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter
16 528 of the laws of 1999 and subdivision 2 as amended by section 7-a of
17 part A of chapter 60 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

18 § 404-q. Distinctive "drive for the cure" license plates. 1. Any
19 person residing in this state shall, upon request, be issued a distinc-
20 tive "drive for the cure" license plate in support of breast, ovarian,
21 prostate and testicular cancer research bearing the phrase "drive for
22 the cure". Application for said license plate shall be filed with the
23 commissioner in such form and detail as the commissioner shall
24 prescribe.

25 2. A distinctive "drive for the cure" license plate issued pursuant to
26 this section shall be issued in the same manner as other number plates
27 upon the payment of the regular registration fee prescribed by section
28 four hundred one of this article, provided, however, that an additional
29 annual service charge of twenty-five dollars shall be charged for such
30 plate. Twelve dollars and fifty cents from each twenty-five dollars
31 received as annual service charges under this section shall be deposited
32 to the credit of the breast and ovarian cancer research and education
33 fund established pursuant to section ninety-seven-yy of the state
34 finance law and shall be used for research and education programs under-
35 taken pursuant to section twenty-four hundred ten of the public health
36 law. Twelve dollars and fifty cents from each twenty-five dollars
37 received as annual service charges under this section shall be deposited
38 to the credit of the New York State prostate and testicular cancer
39 research and education fund established pursuant to section
40 ninety-five-e of the state finance law and shall be used for research
41 and education programs undertaken pursuant to section ninety-five-e of
42 the state finance law. Provided, however that one year after the effec-
43 tive date of this section funds in the amount of six thousand dollars,
44 or so much thereof as may be available, shall be allocated to the
45 department to offset costs associated with the production of such
46 license plates.

47 § 9. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
48 have become a law.