

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

January 31, 2023

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

AN ACT authorizing and directing the commissioner of mental health to conduct a study on the suicide rates of taxi medallion holders and taxi drivers in the state; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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

- 1 Section 1. 1. The commissioner of mental health is authorized and  
2 directed to conduct a study on the suicide rates of taxi medallion hold-  
3 ers and taxi drivers in the state and what factors contribute to such  
4 rates.
- 5 2. In conducting such study, the commissioner of mental health may  
6 consult with any state or local office, agency, or department and  
7 request information from any such entity that is relevant and material  
8 to the completion of this study and report.
- 9 3. Within one year after the effective date of this section, the  
10 commissioner of mental health shall prepare and submit to the governor,  
11 the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the  
12 minority leader of the senate and the minority leader of the assembly a  
13 report containing the study's findings concerning the suicide rate of  
14 taxi medallion holders and taxi drivers, the factors contributing to  
15 such rate and recommendations for legislative or other actions that can  
16 be undertaken to reduce or eliminate suicides by taxi medallion holders  
17 and taxi drivers.
- 18 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be  
19 deemed repealed 2 years after such date.

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

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