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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. VANEL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations -- reported and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means -- reported and referred to the Committee on Rules -- Rules Committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to establish a task force to study the effects of New York state opting out of daylight saving time; 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. a. A task force, to be known as the task force on daylight  
2 saving time, is hereby established to study the effects of New York  
3 state opting out of daylight saving time. Such task force shall be  
4 comprised of appropriate state agency personnel and experts in the field  
5 of daylight saving time. The members of the task force shall serve  
6 without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for all  
7 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.
- 8 b. The task force shall be comprised of:
- 9 (i) two members appointed by the governor;
- 10 (ii) two members appointed by the temporary president of the senate;
- 11 (iii) two members appointed by the speaker of the assembly;
- 12 (iv) one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate; and
- 13 (v) one member appointed by the minority leader of the assembly.
- 14 c. The task force shall:
- 15 (i) examine and evaluate the potential health risks associated with
- 16 daylight saving time, such as heart attack;
- 17 (ii) identify the potential effects of daylight saving on morning
- 18 activities;
- 19 (iii) establish whether the act of changing clocks twice a year is
- 20 economically and/or socially disruptive;

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

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1 (iv) identify the potential effects of daylight saving time on traffic  
2 and crime;

3 (v) establish whether daylight saving time currently provides a bene-  
4 fit to this state;

5 (vi) examine the history of daylight saving time;

6 (vii) examine any relevant studies on daylight saving time;

7 (viii) evaluate the positions and potential legislation from neighbor-  
8 ing states and the federal government on daylight saving time;

9 (ix) identify regulations that are affected by daylight saving time  
10 and that would be affected by the elimination of daylight saving time;  
11 and

12 (x) make recommendations on whether this state should opt out or  
13 continue to utilize daylight saving time.

14 d. Such task force shall submit a report, on or before April 1, 2024,  
15 to the governor and the legislature of its findings, conclusions and  
16 recommendations, and legislative and regulatory proposals deemed neces-  
17 sary to implement such recommendations.

18 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire December  
19 31, 2025 when upon such date the provisions of this act shall be deemed  
20 repealed.