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

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing the fibroid study fund

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

1 Section 1. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 87
2 to read as follows:

3 § 87. Fibroid study fund. 1. There is hereby established in the custo-
4 dy of the state comptroller a special fund to be known as the "fibroid
5 study fund".

6 2. The sources of funds shall consist of all moneys collected there-
7 for, or moneys credited or transferred thereto from any other fund or
8 source pursuant to law, or any other moneys made available for the
9 purposes of such fund.

10 3. (a) Moneys of such fund shall be expended to the department of
11 health to study fibroids and the alleviation of pain caused by fibroids.
12 Such study shall:

13 (i) examine and evaluate current research and progress in the study of
14 fibroids;

15 (ii) examine and evaluate current treatment methods for fibroids;

16 (iii) identify potential barriers to access to treatment for fibroids;

17 (iv) examine the symptoms and effects of fibroids on women of color;

18 (v) identify any potential barriers to access to treatment for
19 fibroids, in addition to barriers identified pursuant to subparagraph
20 (iii) of this paragraph, for women of color;

21 (vi) make recommendations as the development of treatment methods for
22 fibroids;

23 (vii) make recommendations to remove any potential barriers to access
24 to treatment of fibroids; and

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

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1 (viii) make recommendations to remove any potential barriers to access
2 to treatment of fibroids specific to potential barriers to access to
3 treatment faced by women of color.

4 (b) The department of health may also provide grants for the purpose
5 of advancing the study of fibroids.

6 4. Monies shall be payable from the fund on the audit and warrant of
7 the comptroller on vouchers approved and certified by the commissioner
8 of health.

9 5. On or before the first day of February each year, the commissioner
10 of health shall provide a written report to the temporary president of
11 the senate, speaker of the assembly, chair of the senate finance commit-
12 tee, chair of the assembly ways and means committee, chair of the senate
13 committee on health, chair of the assembly health committee, the state
14 comptroller and the public. Such report shall include how the monies of
15 the fund were utilized during the preceding calendar year, and shall
16 include:

17 (a) the amount of money disbursed from the fund and the process used
18 for such disbursements;

19 (b) recipients of awards from the fund;

20 (c) the amount awarded to each;

21 (d) the purposes for which such awards were granted; and

22 (e) a summary financial plan for such monies which shall include esti-
23 mates of all receipts and all disbursements for the current and succeed-
24 ing fiscal years, along with the actual results from the prior fiscal
25 year.

26 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.