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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL, DINOWITZ -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. COOK, GLICK, PAULIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to research relating to the health effects of artificial night light

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (u), (v), (w), (x) and (y) of subdivision 1 of section 201 of the public health law, paragraph (u) as added by chapter 939 of the laws of 1976, paragraph (v) as added by chapter 474 of the laws of 1996, paragraph (w) as added by chapter 543 of the laws of 2019, paragraph (x) as added by section 2 of subpart S of part XX of chapter 55 of the laws of 2020 and paragraph (y) as added by chapter 95 of the laws of 2022, are amended and a new paragraph (z) is added to read as follows:

(u) engage in research into the causes of rocky mountain spotted fever and the prevention thereof and develop programs for the control of ticks, insects and anthropods which act as vectors of disease affecting [~~man~~] humans, within funds made available for such purposes[~~.~~];

(v) act as the single state agency for medical assistance pursuant to section three hundred sixty-three-a of the social services law, as amended by this chapter, with responsibility to supervise the plan for medical assistance as required by title XIX of the federal Social Security act, or its successor, and to adopt regulations as may be necessary to implement this plan[~~.~~];

(w) make available to the council on children and families information, in a format identified by the council, regarding home visiting programs that meet the criteria as required by section four hundred twenty-nine of the social services law regardless of whether such program has a contract with or receive funding from the state. Such information shall be provided in accordance with the requirements set

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

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forth in subdivision two of section four hundred eighty-three-h of the social services law. Such information shall be made available no less than once a year[.];

(x) produce an annual report analyzing the costs related to the sexual assault examination direct reimbursement program as created under subdivision thirteen of section six hundred thirty-one of the executive law and provide such report to the office of victim services on or before September first of each year. Such report shall be provided to the governor, temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly[.];

(y) To develop a form by which a coroner, coroner's physician or medical examiner, pursuant to section six hundred seventy-seven of the county law, shall report to the division of veterans' services any death which appears to be caused by suicide by a person who, to the knowledge of the coroner, coroner's physician or medical examiner, is a veteran. This form shall at a minimum: (i) ensure compliance with the strictest privacy protections and encourage data aggregation to the extent feasible; (ii) provide the address to which the form is to be mailed or submitted electronically; and (iii) include the county of residence and the branch of service of deceased veterans during the reporting period[.]; and

(z) engage in and/or support research into the health effects of artificial night light including but not limited to research on indicators that exposure to light at night may be associated with the increased risk of developing breast cancer by suppressing the normal nocturnal production of melatonin by the pineal gland, within funds made available for such purposes including research funds from non-state, public and private sources;

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.