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Introduced by M. of A. ZINERMAN, WOERNER, HEVESI, JACKSON, CONRAD, GLICK, HYNDMAN, GIBBS, CUNNINGHAM, LUCAS, DAVILA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to directing the commissioner of health to establish a cannabis awareness program for youths age eighteen and younger

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

1 Section 1. Section 206 of the public health law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 32 to read as follows:

3 32. The commissioner shall, in consultation and collaboration with the
4 executive director of the office of cannabis management, establish and
5 develop a cannabis awareness program within the department. Such program
6 shall be designed to educate youths age eighteen and younger about the
7 effects and risks associated with cannabis use, including that it is
8 illegal for persons under the age of twenty-one. Such program shall
9 include, but not be limited to, the creation of age-appropriate instruc-
10 tional tools and materials and marketing and advertising materials to
11 discourage underage cannabis use.

12 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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