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## IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the statewide fibroid study program; and to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing the statewide fibroid study program fund

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

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section  
2 267-c to read as follows:

3 § 267-c. Statewide fibroid study program. 1. The commissioner shall  
4 establish within the department a statewide fibroid study program  
5 through which the department will study and evaluate the occurrence of  
6 fibroids and the alleviation of pain caused by these tumors. This  
7 program shall:

8 (a) examine and evaluate current research and progress in the study of  
9 fibroids;

10 (b) examine and evaluate current treatment methods for fibroids;

11 (c) identify potential barriers to access to treatment for fibroids;

12 (d) examine the symptoms and effects of fibroids on women of color;

13 (e) identify any potential barriers to access to treatment for  
14 fibroids, in addition to barriers identified pursuant to paragraph (h)  
15 of this subdivision, for women of color;

16 (f) make recommendations as the development of treatment methods for  
17 fibroids;

18 (g) make recommendations to remove any potential barriers to access to  
19 treatment of fibroids; and

20 (h) make recommendations to remove any potential barriers to access to  
21 treatment of fibroids specific to potential barriers to access to treat-  
22 ment faced by women of color.

23 2. Any entity dedicated to the advancement of reproductive health  
24 shall be eligible to submit applications to receive funds from the

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

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1 department for the purpose of advancing the study of fibroids. A grant  
2 may be awarded upon submission of an application to the department.

3 3. On or before the first day of February each year, the commissioner  
4 shall provide a written report to the temporary president of the senate,  
5 speaker of the assembly, chair of the senate finance committee, chair of  
6 the assembly ways and means committee, chair of the senate committee on  
7 health, chair of the assembly health committee, the state comptroller  
8 and the public. Such report shall include how the monies of the fund  
9 were utilized during the preceding calendar year, and shall include:

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

12 (b) recipients of awards from the fund;

13 (c) the amount awarded to each;

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

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

19 § 2. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 87 to  
20 read as follows:

21 § 87. Statewide fibroid study program fund. 1. There is hereby estab-  
22 lished in the custody of the state comptroller a special fund to be  
23 known as the "statewide fibroid study program fund".

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

28 3. (a) Moneys of such fund shall be expended to the department of  
29 health to study fibroids and the alleviation of pain caused by fibroids.

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

32 4. Monies shall be payable from the fund on the audit and warrant of  
33 the comptroller on vouchers approved and certified by the commissioner  
34 of health.

35 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.