STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT in relation to directing the department of health to conduct a study relating to the opening of a public hospital in southeast Queens; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. The department of health is hereby authorized and directed to utilize all available data in partnership with New York hospital associations, other state agencies, and non-profit entities to present findings in a report on immediate and future needs for additional healthcare facilities in southeast Queens. The department of health shall analyze available data, and make recommendations to assist in facilitating identified sites in partnership with all governmental and non-governmental entities tasked in delivering healthcare across New York city to highlight potential for a new public hospital, trauma center, or other needed healthcare facility in southeast Queens. The department of health shall report on the analysis of all available data pertinent to health needs for southeast Queens from receiving such data and shall include, but shall not be limited to: possible locations, associated costs, proximity to and availability of public transportation, demographics of those who may be served, the socio-economic condition of the area, proximity to other healthcare institutions, projected timeline for opening, and projected process for opening should there be an immediate and future need for any new hospitals, trauma centers, or other healthcare facilities.

§ 2. The department of health may request, and is authorized to receive, any information from any state agency, hospital association, or not-for-profit that is relevant and material to the completion of such study and report. Such information received by the department of health

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

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shall be subject to the same requirements for confidentiality and limitations on use, if any, as are applicable to such state agency's use of such information.

§ 3. Within one year of the effective date of this act, the department of health shall submit a report of its findings, analysis, and recommendations to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the chairs of the health committees in the senate and assembly, and the sponsors of this bill in the senate and assembly.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed thirty days after the submission of the report to the governor and the legislature as provided for in section three of this act; provided that the department of health shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the occurrence of the delivery of the report provided for in section two of this act in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.