STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 28, 2025

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed 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:

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

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

§ 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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