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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to creating the blue light emergency phones grant program

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

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 837-z to read as follows:

§ 837-z. Blue light emergency phones program. 1. Within amounts appropriated therefor, the division shall implement a blue light emergency phones grant program for the purpose of public safety. Under such program, the division shall provide grants to municipalities to install blue lighted emergency phones that, when used, shall automatically dial 9-1-1 and ring directly to the police department. Municipalities shall install such blue light emergency phones in public parks and other public areas with a history of illicit drug activity or overdoses.

2. The commissioner shall cause a study to be performed to analyze how the implementation of the blue light emergency phones grant program impacts public safety.

3. Eighteen months after the effective date of this section, the commissioner shall complete the study conducted pursuant to subdivision two of this section and shall thereafter deliver a copy of the findings of the study and any legislative recommendations deemed to be necessary to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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