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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to donation of blood by patients with a history of Lyme or tick-borne illnesses

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

Section 1. Section 3121 of the public health law is amended by adding a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

6. (a) The council shall review all current medical research and guidance regarding the donation of blood by patients with a history of Lyme or tick-borne illnesses, including but not limited to:

(i) human anaplasmosis;

(ii) babesiosis;

(iii) human ehrlichiosis;

(iv) Rocky Mountain spotted fever;

(v) Powassan virus;

(vi) Southern tick-associated rash illness; and

(vii) other related illnesses and co-infections.

(b) (i) The council shall, within ninety days after the effective date of this subdivision, issue recommendations to the commissioner regarding the collection, testing, and distribution of blood donations with Lyme and tick-borne illnesses present or reported in a patient history, including but not limited to:

(1) considerations of the current state of medical research; and

(2) recommendations for temporary or permanent moratoriums on the collection of blood with Lyme and tick-borne related illnesses present.

(ii) Upon immediate receipt of such recommendation, the commissioner shall provide a copy of such to the speaker of the assembly and the temporary president of the senate.

§ 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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