STATE OF NEW YORK

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Introduced by M. of A. STECK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to the sale of medetomidine

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

Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 392-k to read as follows:

§ 392-k. Sale of medetomidine. 1. For purposes of this section, the term "medetomidine" shall mean a sedative used for its hypnotic and analgesic effects and that has been approved for use in humans and dogs.

2. The provisions of this section shall apply to the sale, offer for sale, delivery, or distribution of all medetomidine regardless of the weight.

3. No corporation, partnership, limited liability company, firm, online platform, or any other business entity doing business within this state shall knowingly sell, offer for sale, or deliver medetomidine to individuals without proof of its intended use for institutional, veterinary, or scientific purposes.

4. No corporation, partnership, limited liability company, firm, online platform, or other business entity doing business within this state shall knowingly sell, offer for sale, or deliver medetomidine to individuals under the age of twenty-one.

5. Any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, firm, online platform, or other business entity doing business within this state which knowingly sells, offers for sale, or distributes medetomidine shall require and retain sales records, proof of age, and proof of use from all purchasers.

6. Any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, firm, online platform, or other business entity doing business within this state that violates the provisions of this section by knowingly selling,

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

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offering for sale, or delivering medetomidine shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than three thousand dollars for a first violation, and sixty-five hundred dollars for each subsequent violation, recoverable in an action by the attorney general of the state of New York. All funds collected or received by the state from civil penalties imposed under this section shall be deposited in the New York state drug treatment and public education fund established pursuant to section ninety-nine-jj of the state finance law.

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