

New York: Albany: Asthma Data Bill Advances

A bill gaining support in the Legislature would require that data from emergency rooms be collected and analyzed to help tackle the growth in asthma. The measure, passed by the Senate Health Committee yesterday and by the Assembly on Monday, would expand the Statewide Planning and Research Cooperative System to include the asthma reports. The data could help determine how temperature, humidity, pollutants, stress and other factors cause asthma attacks. (AP)