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Introduced by Sen. VALESKY -- 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 requiring hospitals to provide long-term care contact information to certain patients

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section  
2     2803-t to read as follows:  
3     S 2803-T. LONG-TERM CARE CONTACT INFORMATION. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL  
4     REQUIRE THAT EVERY HOSPITAL SHALL PROVIDE TO EVERY PATIENT ANTICIPATED  
5     TO BE IN NEED OF LONG-TERM CARE, CONTACT INFORMATION AT THE TIME SUCH  
6     DETERMINATION IS MADE FOR AT LEAST ONE POINT OF CONTACT IN THE PATIENT'S  
7     COUNTY OF RESIDENCE FOR THE NY CONNECTS: CHOICES FOR LONG TERM CARE  
8     PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION EIGHT OF SECTION TWO HUNDRED  
9     THREE OF THE ELDER LAW, OR IN THE EVENT THAT SUCH POINT OF CONTACT DOES  
10    NOT EXIST IN THE PATIENT'S COUNTY OF RESIDENCE, CONTACT INFORMATION FOR  
11    THE AGENCY ON AGING SERVING THE PATIENT'S COUNTY OF RESIDENCE, AND ANY  
12    OTHER INFORMATION APPROPRIATE TO THE NEEDS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE  
13    PATIENT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO LOCAL INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS,  
14    LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH.  
15    S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
16    have become a law.

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

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