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Introduced by Sen. VALESKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law and the elder 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. Subdivision 8 of section 203 of the elder law, as added by
16 section 18 of part B of chapter 58 of the laws of 2007, is amended to
17 read as follows:
18 [8.] 9. The director, in consultation with the commissioner of health,
19 shall establish a program to be known as the NY Connects: Choices for
20 Long Term Care. The purpose of this initiative is to provide consistent,
21 comprehensive, locally-based information and assistance on long term
22 care services to consumers, caregivers and families to help them make

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

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1 educated choices. This program shall provide individuals, caregivers,
2 and families with objective information and assistance about home,
3 community-based and institutional long term care services. NY Connects
4 will be available on a voluntary basis to consumers, caregivers and
5 their families. There shall be an on-going education and outreach
6 campaign to educate the public about long term care services available
7 in their community and to assist consumers in preparing for their long
8 term care needs, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PROVIDING LONG-TERM CARE
9 CONTACT INFORMATION ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT HUNDRED
10 THREE-T OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW.
11 S 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
12 have become a law.