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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- 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 certain residential health care facilities provide free internet access to certain residents

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-z to read as follows:

3 § 2803-z. Residential health care facility requirements. All voluntary
4 and state-run residential health care facilities shall provide internet
5 access, including wireless internet connectivity, to all residents who
6 are intellectually or developmentally disabled. The residential health
7 care facility shall not impose a fee for the internet access or the
8 wireless internet connectivity.

9 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
10 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or
11 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of
12 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed
13 on or before such effective date.

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

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