

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

August 5, 2026

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Simone) --  
read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to enacting the  
"Public Health Modernization Act"

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Public  
2 Health Modernization Act".

3 § 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 225-a to  
4 read as follows:

5 § 225-a. Repeal and replacement of certain sanitary code sections. The  
6 department shall repeal subpart 24-2 of part 24 of title 10 of the New  
7 York codes, rules and regulations in its entirety and, in consultation  
8 with public health experts, promulgate new rules and regulations govern-  
9 ing the licensing and operation of commercial establishments referenced  
10 in such repealed subpart. Such new rules and regulations shall establish  
11 minimum standards to promote the health and safety of patrons and  
12 employees, consistent with modern public health strategies focused on  
13 wellness education and harm reduction.

14 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
15 it shall have become a law.

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

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