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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. HARCKHAM, HINCHEY -- 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 medically supervised detoxification services

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

1 Section 1. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subdivision 2 of section 2803-u  
2 of the public health law, as added by section 1 of part C of chapter 70  
3 of the laws of 2016, are amended and a new paragraph (d) is added to  
4 read as follows:

5 (b) establish and implement training, within existing or in addition  
6 to current training programs, for all individuals licensed or certified  
7 pursuant to title eight of the education law who provide direct patient  
8 care regarding the policies and procedures established pursuant to this  
9 section; [~~and~~]

10 (c) except where an individual has come into the hospital under  
11 section 22.09 of the mental hygiene law, if the hospital does not  
12 directly provide substance use disorder services, then it shall refer  
13 individuals in need of substance use disorder services to and coordinate  
14 with substance use disorder services programs that provide behavioral  
15 health services, as defined in section 1.03 of the mental hygiene  
16 law[~~-~~]; and

17 (d) provide medically supervised detoxification services to all  
18 patients requiring such services; provided, that if the hospital is at  
19 ninety percent capacity or greater, such hospital shall connect the  
20 patient to an alternative facility within such patient's network to  
21 access such medically supervised detoxification services without any  
22 increased risk to the health or life of the patient.

23 § 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
24 have become a law.

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

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