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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. HINCHEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to notice of adult care facility closure requirements

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

1 Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section
2 461-v to read as follows:

3 § 461-v. Closure of adult care facilities. 1. In the event that the
4 department revokes or suspends or intends to revoke or suspend or other-
5 wise limit the operating certificate for an adult care facility, the
6 following shall apply:

7 (a) The department shall provide copies of all written materials
8 pertaining to the action including, but not limited to, the hearing
9 notice and notice of charges served upon the operator of such facility
10 to the governor, the office of the state comptroller, the office of the
11 New York state attorney general, the justice center for the protection
12 of people with special needs, and the members of the state assembly and
13 the state senate representing the municipality in which the facility is
14 located.

15 (b) Copies of all written materials shall also be concurrently deliv-
16 ered to the chief executive officer and the presiding officer of the
17 local legislative body of each county, except a county wholly contained
18 within a city, town or village in which the facility is located and, in
19 a city with a population of one million or more, also to the community
20 board in whose district the facility is located.

21 2. (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subdivision, the
22 written materials provided in subdivision one of this section shall not
23 be subject to disclosure under article six of the public officers law.

24 (b) During the thirty-day period prior to the hearing date, the
25 department shall post on its website:

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

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- 1 (i) a summary of the violations at the adult care facility;
- 2 (ii) an explanation of the groups or individuals likely to be impacted
- 3 by the closure; and
- 4 (iii) a summary of the facility operator's plan to ensure continued
- 5 care for all residents to be impacted.

6 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding
7 the date on which it shall have become a law and shall apply to all
8 closures of adult care facilities occurring on or after such effective
9 date and to all closures of adult care facilities pending on and after
10 such effective date. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment
11 and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation
12 of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
13 completed on or before such effective date.