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Introduced by M. of A. GOTTFRIED, KELLNER -- read once and referred to
the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring the
installation and use of ceiling lifts in hospitals and nursing homes

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Section 206 of the public health law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 26 to read as follows:
3 26. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS REQUIRING
4 THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OR MAJOR RENOVATION OF HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES
5 INCLUDE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ELEMENTS CONSISTENT WITH SUPPORTING THE
6 INSTALLATION AND PROPER USE OF CEILING LIFTS FOR USE MOVEMENT, TRANSFER
7 AND REPOSITIONING OF TOTALLY PHYSICALLY DEPENDENT OR MOBILITY IMPAIRED
8 PATIENTS. SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION OF
9 CEILING LIFTS IN EACH FACILITY IN A NUMBER CONSISTENT WITH THE PERCENT-
10 AGE OF ROOMS UTILIZED BY TOTALLY PHYSICALLY DEPENDENT OR MOBILITY
11 IMPAIRED PATIENTS IN FACILITIES OF SIMILAR SIZE PROVIDING SIMILAR CARE.
12 SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL ALSO REQUIRE APPROPRIATE STAFF TRAINING
13 IN THE USE OF CEILING LIFTS AND ENSURE THE REGULAR, APPROPRIATE AND SAFE
14 USE OF CEILING LIFTS IN FACILITIES WHERE THEY ARE INSTALLED.
15 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
16 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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