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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to hospital establishment

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 2801-a of the public health law,
2 as amended by chapter 667 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 1. (A) No hospital, as defined in this article, shall be established
5 except with the written approval of the public health council. No
6 certificate of incorporation of a business membership or not-for-profit
7 corporation shall hereafter be filed which includes among its corporate
8 purposes or powers the establishment or operation of any hospital, as
9 defined in this article, or the solicitation of contributions for any
10 such purpose, or two or more of such purposes, except with the written
11 approval of the public health council, and when otherwise required by
12 law of a justice of the supreme court, endorsed on or annexed to the
13 certificate of incorporation. No articles of organization of a limited
14 liability company established pursuant to the New York limited liability
15 company law which includes among its powers or purposes the establish-
16 ment or operation of any hospital as defined in this article, shall be
17 filed with the department of state except upon the approval of the
18 public health council.
19 (B) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, A PERSON (OTHER THAN A
20 PERSON ACTING SOLELY AS A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF A HOSPITAL OR
21 AN EMPLOYEE OF A HOSPITAL), PARTNERSHIP, COMPANY, STOCKHOLDER, MEMBER,

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

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1 CORPORATION OR OTHER ENTITY SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE AUTHORITY TO OPERATE
2 A HOSPITAL IF IT HAS OR SHARES DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY OVER ANY OF THE
3 FOLLOWING:

4 (I) APPOINTMENT OR DISMISSAL OF A HOSPITAL'S MANAGEMENT-LEVEL EMPLOY-
5 EES OR MEDICAL STAFF;

6 (II) ELECTION OR REMOVAL OF MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OR CORPO-
7 RATE OFFICERS OF THE HOSPITAL;

8 (III) APPROVAL OF THE HOSPITAL'S OPERATING OR CAPITAL BUDGETS;

9 (IV) ADOPTION, APPROVAL OR ENFORCEMENT OF THE HOSPITAL'S OPERATING
10 POLICIES OR PROCEDURES, OR THE MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY OF THE HOSPITAL;

11 (V) APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OR ESTABLISHMENT
12 APPROVAL FILED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE HOSPITAL;

13 (VI) APPROVAL OF HOSPITAL DEBT NECESSARY TO FINANCE THE COST OF
14 COMPLIANCE WITH OPERATIONAL OR PHYSICAL PLANT STANDARDS REQUIRED BY LAW;

15 (VII) APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE HOSPITAL OR FOR
16 CLINICAL SERVICES AT THE HOSPITAL; AND

17 (VIII) APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS OR LITI-
18 GATION TO WHICH THE HOSPITAL IS PARTY THAT EXCEED THE HOSPITAL'S INSUR-
19 ANCE COVERAGE OR COVERAGE BY ANY APPLICABLE SELF-INSURANCE FUND.

20 (C) ANY PERSON, PARTNERSHIP, COMPANY, STOCKHOLDER, MEMBER, OR CORPO-
21 RATION, OR OTHER ENTITY WITH AUTHORITY TO OPERATE A HOSPITAL SHALL BE
22 SUBJECT TO APPROVAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL UNDER
23 THIS SECTION, UNLESS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED BY THIS CHAPTER TO OPERATE A
24 HOSPITAL WITHOUT SUCH ESTABLISHMENT APPROVAL.

25 (D) ANY ASSIGNMENT OR DELEGATION OF ANY AUTHORITY TO OPERATE A HOSPI-
26 TAL, AS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH (B) OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE SUBJECT
27 TO APPROVAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL UNDER THIS
28 SECTION, EXCEPT FOR:

29 (I) ASSIGNMENT OR DELEGATION BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE HOSPITAL TO
30 A COMMITTEE OF THE GOVERNING BODY, A CORPORATE OFFICER OR AN EMPLOYEE OF
31 THE HOSPITAL; OR

32 (II) A MANAGEMENT CONTRACT UNDER WHICH A GOVERNING BODY CONTRACTS WITH
33 AN ENTITY TO MANAGE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS OF A HOSPITAL OR A PORTION OR
34 SERVICE THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT SUCH A MANAGEMENT CONTRACT SHALL REQUIRE
35 THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSIONER BEFORE IT MAY TAKE EFFECT.

36 (E) ANY AMENDMENT TO A MISSION STATEMENT OF A HOSPITAL UNDER SECTION
37 TWENTY-EIGHT HUNDRED THREE-L OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW
38 BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL PRIOR TO ITS ADOPTION. THE PUBLIC HEALTH
39 COUNCIL SHALL ISSUE AN ADVISORY DETERMINATION DESCRIBING THE IMPACT OF
40 SUCH AMENDMENT ON PUBLIC NEED FOR AND THE AVAILABILITY OF HEALTH
41 SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

42 S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 2803-1 of the public health law, as
43 amended by chapter 639 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as
44 follows:

45 1. The governing body of a voluntary non-profit general hospital must
46 issue an organizational mission statement identifying at a minimum THE
47 MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY OF THE HOSPITAL AS IT RELATES TO THE PROVISION OF
48 ALL HEALTH CARE SERVICES, the populations and communities served by the
49 hospital and the hospital's commitment to meeting the health care needs
50 of the community.

51 S 3. Subdivision 4 of section 2803-1 of the public health law, as
52 amended by chapter 639 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as
53 follows:

54 4. The governing body shall file with the commissioner its mission
55 statement, its annual implementation report, and at least every three
56 years a report detailing amendments to the statement and reflecting

1 changes in the hospital's operational and financial commitment to meet-
2 ing the health care needs of the community, providing charity care
3 services, and improving access to health care services by the under-
4 served. ANY AMENDMENT TO A MISSION STATEMENT AS IT RELATES TO THE
5 PROVISION OR AVAILABILITY OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY A HOSPITAL
6 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE COMMISSIONER AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL AT
7 LEAST NINETY DAYS PRIOR TO ITS ADOPTION BY THE GOVERNING BODY. THE
8 PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL SHALL REVIEW SUCH AMENDMENT AND ITS IMPACT ON
9 PUBLIC NEED FOR AND THE AVAILABILITY OF HEALTH SERVICES, AND, PURSUANT
10 TO SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT HUNDRED ONE-A OF THIS ARTICLE, SHALL ISSUE AN
11 ADVISORY DETERMINATION WITH RESPECT TO SUCH IMPACT.

12 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.