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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to patient records

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

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section
2 2807-o to read as follows:
3 S 2807-0. PATIENT RECORDS. A HOSPITAL SHALL MAINTAIN PATIENT RECORDS
4 FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, PROVIDED A HOSPITAL MAY
5 PRIOR TO THE END OF SUCH PERIOD DISPOSE OF SUCH RECORDS OF WHICH REPROD-
6 UCTIONS, SUBJECT TO REGULATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER, ARE MAINTAINED AND
7 MADE ACCESSIBLE. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "HOSPITAL" SHALL
8 MEAN AND INCLUDE A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION OR SIMILAR ORGANIZA-
9 TION, IF SUCH ORGANIZATION ACCEPTS PATIENTS PURSUANT TO A HEALTH CARE OR
10 INSURANCE PLAN PROVIDED AS A BENEFIT TO EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE OR ANY
11 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF. SUCH PATIENT RECORDS SHALL BE KEPT IN
12 PAPER OR ELECTRONIC FORM.
13 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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