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I N S E N A T E

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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to notification that all physician information on the department of health's website may not be all-inclusive or up-to-date

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 15 of section 2995-a of the public health law,
2 as added by chapter 542 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 15. (A) All physician data disseminated shall include the following
5 [statement] STATEMENTS: "THE DATA COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT IS ACCU-
6 RATE TO THE BEST OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE DEPARTMENT, BASED ON THE INFOR-
7 MATION SUPPLIED BY THE PHYSICIAN WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE DATA. WHILE
8 THE DEPARTMENT UTILIZES A VARIETY OF SOURCES OF INFORMATION IN CHECKING
9 THE ACCURACY OF THE DATA REPORTED, WE CANNOT BE SURE THAT ALL OF THE
10 INFORMATION ON THIS WEBSITE IS RIGHT, COMPLETE, OR UP-TO-DATE, AND
11 CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INFORMATION THAT IS WRONG OR HAS BEEN LEFT
12 OUT. CONSUMERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONSULT OTHER SOURCES TO VERIFY OR
13 OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT A PHYSICIAN, INCLUDING ACTIONS
14 AGAINST A PHYSICIAN." THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ENSURE THAT THE FULL TEXT
15 OF THE STATEMENTS APPEAR ON EACH WEB PAGE OF THE PHYSICIAN PROFILE IN A
16 MANNER THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE THE USER OF THE SITE TO CLICK ON A SEPARATE
17 LINK IN ORDER TO VIEW THE STATEMENTS.
18 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE ON THE PHYSICIAN PROFILES AN ACTIVE
19 LINK TO THE WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY THE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM CONTAINING
20 INFORMATION ON ACTIVE AND DISPOSED CASES IN THE LOCAL AND STATE COURTS
21 IN THE STATE.
22 S 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
23 have become a law.

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

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