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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to designating Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) as a communicable disease and requiring general hospitals to identify and track the incidence of such communicable disease in accordance with the hospital acquired infection reporting system

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

Section 1. Article 21 of the public health law is amended by adding a new title 8 to read as follows:

TITLE 8

CARBAPENEM-RESISTANT
ENTEROBACTERIACEAE

SECTION 2180. DESIGNATION AS COMMUNICABLE DISEASE; GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORTING.

S 2180. DESIGNATION AS COMMUNICABLE DISEASE; GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORTING. 1. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DESIGNATE AS A COMMUNICABLE DISEASE AND INCLUDE AS SUCH IN THE SANITARY CODE, CARBAPENEM-RESISTANT ENTEROBACTERIACEAE (CRE). SUCH DISEASE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE WHICH ARE APPLICABLE TO OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

2. EVERY GENERAL HOSPITAL SHALL IDENTIFY AND TRACK EACH INCIDENT OF CARBAPENEM-RESISTANT ENTEROBACTERIACEAE, AND SHALL, ON A MONTHLY BASIS, REPORT EACH SUCH INCIDENT TO THE DEPARTMENT. FURTHERMORE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE CARBAPENEM-RESISTANT ENTEROBACTERIACEAE IN ITS REGULATIONS REQUIRING GENERAL HOSPITALS TO IDENTIFY, TRACK AND REPORT HOSPITAL ACQUIRED INFECTIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT HUNDRED NINETEEN OF THIS CHAPTER.

S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 2819 of the public health law is amended by adding a new closing paragraph to read as follows:

SUCH TERM SHALL ALSO INCLUDE CARBAPENEM-RESISTANT ENTEROBACTERIACEAE (CRE).

S 3. 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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