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Introduced by Sens. AVELLA, ADDABBO, GRISANTI -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to providing all blind and visually impaired patients with a large print version or, upon request of the patient, with an audio recording of the discharge plan and preadmission information

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

Section 1. Subdivision 9 of section 2803-i of the public health law is renumbered subdivision 10 and a new subdivision 9 is added to read as follows:

9. UPON DISCHARGE OF A BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED PATIENT, A HOSPITAL SHALL OFFER TO PROVIDE THE PATIENT'S DISCHARGE PLAN IN A LARGE PRINT VERSION OR, AT THE PATIENT'S OR PATIENT'S REPRESENTATIVE'S REQUEST, AS AN AUDIO RECORDING, TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO SUCH PATIENT OR SUCH PATIENT'S REPRESENTATIVE ON COMPACT DISC OR OTHER MEDIUM AS THE HOSPITAL MAY OFFER, OR AS AN ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTED DIGITAL FILE, IN ADDITION TO A WRITTEN COPY OF THE DISCHARGE PLAN.

S 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2803-t to read as follows:

S 2803-T. PREADMISSION INFORMATION. ANY HOSPITAL THAT PROVIDES PREADMISSION INFORMATION TO A PATIENT, SHALL OFFER A BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED PATIENT A LARGE PRINT VERSION OR, AT THE PATIENT'S OR PATIENT'S REPRESENTATIVE'S REQUEST, AN AUDIO RECORDING, TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO SUCH PATIENT OR SUCH PATIENT'S REPRESENTATIVE ON COMPACT DISC OR OTHER MEDIUM AS THE HOSPITAL MAY OFFER, OR AS AN ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTED DIGITAL FILE, IN ADDITION TO A WRITTEN COPY OF ANY PREADMISSION INFORMATION.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after 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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