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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 ASSEM-BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1	Section 1. Article 21 of the public health law is amended by adding a
2	new title 8 to read as follows:
3	TITLE 8
4	CARBAPENEM-RESISTANT
5	ENTEROBACTERIACEAE
6 7	SECTION 2180. DESIGNATION AS COMMUNICABLE DISEASE; GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORTING.
8	S 2180. DESIGNATION AS COMMUNICABLE DISEASE; GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT-
9	ING. 1. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DESIGNATE AS A COMMUNICABLE DISEASE AND
10	INCLUDE AS SUCH IN THE SANITARY CODE, CARBAPENEM-RESISTANT ENTEROBACTER-
11	IACEAE (CRE). SUCH DISEASE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS
12	ARTICLE WHICH ARE APPLICABLE TO OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.
13	2. EVERY GENERAL HOSPITAL SHALL IDENTIFY AND TRACK EACH INCIDENT OF
14	CARBAPENEM-RESISTANT ENTEROBACTERIACEAE, AND SHALL, ON A MONTHLY BASIS,
15	REPORT EACH SUCH INCIDENT TO THE DEPARTMENT. FURTHERMORE, THE DEPARTMENT
16	SHALL INCLUDE CARBAPENEM-RESISTANT ENTEROBACTERIACEAE IN ITS REGULATIONS
17	REQUIRING GENERAL HOSPITALS TO IDENTIFY, TRACK AND REPORT HOSPITAL
18	ACOUIRED INFECTIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT HUNDRED NINETEEN OF
19	THIS CHAPTER.
20	S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 2819 of the public health law is amended
21	by adding a new closing paragraph to read as follows:
22	SUCH TERM SHALL ALSO INCLUDE CARBAPENEM-RESISTANT ENTEROBACTERIACEAE
23	(CRE).
24	S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.
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	EXPLANATIONMatter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.
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