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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to specifying procedures for the closure of privately funded assisted living residences

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

1 Section 1. Article 46-B of the public health law is amended by adding
2 a new section 4653-a to read as follows:
3 S 4653-A. CLOSURE OF PRIVATELY FUNDED ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCES. 1.
4 FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, PRIVATELY FUNDED MEANS A RESIDENCE IN
5 WHICH THE RESIDENTS ARE NOT RECIPIENTS OF SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME.
6 2. IN THE EVENT THAT AN OPERATOR OF A PRIVATELY FUNDED ASSISTED LIVING
7 RESIDENCE ELECTS TO CLOSE THE RESIDENCE AND TO SURRENDER AN OPERATING
8 CERTIFICATE AND/OR CERTIFICATION AS AN ENHANCED OR SPECIAL NEEDS
9 ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE, THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS SHALL APPLY:
10 (A) THE OPERATOR SHALL NOTIFY THE APPROPRIATE REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE
11 DEPARTMENT IN WRITING PRIOR TO THE ANTICIPATED DATE OF CLOSURE OF THE
12 ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE AND, IF APPLICABLE, THE ADULT CARE FACILITY,
13 AND/OR THE DECERTIFICATION OF THE RESIDENCE.
14 (B) SUCH WRITTEN NOTICE SHALL INCLUDE A PROPOSED PLAN FOR CLOSURE
15 AND/OR DECERTIFICATION. THE PLAN SHALL BE SUBJECT TO DEPARTMENT
16 APPROVAL, SHALL INCLUDE TIMETABLES FOR ALL STEPS ENTAILED IN THE CLOSURE
17 PROCESS AND SHALL DESCRIBE THE PROCEDURES AND ACTIONS THE OPERATOR WILL
18 TAKE TO:

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

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1 (I) NOTIFY RESIDENTS OF THE CLOSURE, AND/OR DECERTIFICATION, INCLUDING
2 PROVISIONS FOR TERMINATION OF ADMISSION AGREEMENTS AND INVOLUNTARY
3 DISCHARGE;

4 (II) ASSESS THE NEEDS AND PREFERENCES OF INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTS;

5 (III) ASSIST RESIDENTS IN LOCATING AND TRANSFERRING TO APPROPRIATE
6 ALTERNATIVE SETTINGS; AND

7 (IV) MAINTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REGULATIONS UNTIL ALL RESIDENTS
8 HAVE RELOCATED.

9 3. (A) THE OPERATOR SHALL TAKE NO ACTION TO CLOSE THE RESIDENCE PRIOR
10 TO DEPARTMENT APPROVAL OF THE PLAN FOR CLOSURE AND/OR DECERTIFICATION.

11 (B) THE OPERATOR SHALL NOT CLOSE THE RESIDENCE UNTIL ALL RESIDENTS OF
12 THE RESIDENCE HAVE TRANSFERRED TO APPROPRIATE ALTERNATIVE SETTINGS.

13 (C) THE OPERATOR SHALL NOT INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF ANY RENT, FEES OR
14 OTHER SURCHARGES CHARGED TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE ASSISTED LIVING RESI-
15 DENCE, THEIR FAMILIES OR THEIR INSURANCE COMPANIES, IF ANY, PRIOR TO
16 DEPARTMENT APPROVAL OF THE PLAN FOR CLOSURE AND/OR DECERTIFICATION. THE
17 OPERATOR SHALL NOT INSTITUTE ANY NEW FEES OR OTHER SURCHARGES CHARGED TO
18 THE RESIDENTS OF THE ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE, THEIR FAMILIES OR THEIR
19 INSURANCE COMPANIES, IF ANY, PRIOR TO DEPARTMENT APPROVAL OF THE PLAN
20 FOR CLOSURE AND/OR DECERTIFICATION.

21 (D) THE OPERATOR SHALL NOT ACCEPT NEW RESIDENTS OR APPLICATIONS FOR
22 RESIDENCY AFTER THE OPERATOR HAS NOTIFIED THE APPROPRIATE REGIONAL
23 OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE OPERATOR INTENDS TO CLOSE OR DECERTIFY
24 THE ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE.

25 4. AS PART OF THE FINAL APPROVAL OF THE CLOSURE PLAN, THE DEPARTMENT
26 AND OPERATOR SHALL AGREE UPON A TARGET CLOSURE DATE, WHICH SHALL BE AT
27 LEAST ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS FROM THE ACTUAL DATE THE OPERATOR NOTIFIES
28 RESIDENTS OF THE CLOSURE. IN PROVIDING NOTIFICATION OF SUCH TARGET
29 CLOSURE DATE TO RESIDENTS, THE OPERATOR SHALL ALSO NOTIFY RESIDENTS THAT
30 ADDITIONAL TIME WILL BE PROVIDED TO RESIDENTS WHO MAKE GOOD FAITH
31 EFFORTS TO SECURE AN ALTERNATIVE SETTING AND HAVE DEMONSTRATED A REASON-
32 ABLE BASIS FOR NEEDING MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS TO TRANSFER TO
33 AN APPROPRIATE ALTERNATIVE SETTING, SO LONG AS IT REMAINS SAFE AND
34 APPROPRIATE TO RESIDE IN THE BUILDING AT SUCH TIME.

35 5. THE OPERATOR SHALL IMPLEMENT THE APPROVED PLAN TO INSURE THAT
36 ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONTINUED CARE WHICH MEET EACH RESIDENT'S SOCIAL,
37 EMOTIONAL AND HEALTH NEEDS ARE EFFECTUATED PRIOR TO CLOSURE AND/OR
38 DECERTIFICATION.

39 6. FAILURE TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF INTENT TO CEASE OPERATIONS,
40 FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN APPROVABLE PLAN TO EXECUTE THE APPROVED PLAN,
41 CLOSURE OR DECERTIFICATION BEFORE ALL RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATELY
42 RELOCATED, SHALL RESULT IN THE IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTIES.

43 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
44 ing the date on which it shall have become a law, and shall apply to all
45 closures of privately funded assisted living residences occurring on or
46 after such effective date and to all closures of privately funded
47 assisted living residences pending such effective date.