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Introduced by Sen. LATIMER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring emergency department personnel to conduct physical checks of patients awaiting emergency treatment every fifteen minutes

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "New York state patient protection act".

S 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2827 to read as follows:

S 2827. PATIENTS WAITING FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT. EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL, INCLUDING NURSES, SECURITY, OR OTHER TRAINED HOSPITAL PERSONNEL, SHALL CONDUCT PHYSICAL CHECKS ON THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF ALL PATIENTS WHO ARE AWAITING EMERGENCY TREATMENT AT LEAST EVERY FIFTEEN MINUTES.

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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