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Introduced by Sen. HANNON -- (at request of the Department of Health) --  
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the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to hospital sepsis  
data

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

1     Section 1. Section 2805-m of the public health law is amended by  
2     adding a new subdivision 4 to read as follows:  
3     4. (A) HOSPITAL SEPSIS DATA SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT, SHALL FOR THE  
4     INITIAL PHASE OF DATA COLLECTION BE CONSIDERED A "PILOT PHASE", THE  
5     PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO ENSURE THE COMPLETENESS AND ACCURACY OF REPORTING  
6     BY HOSPITALS.  
7     (B) FOR DATA REPORTED DURING THE PILOT PHASE, HOSPITAL IDENTIFIERS  
8     SHALL BE ENCRYPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN ANY AND ALL PUBLIC DATABASES AND  
9     REPORTS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE EACH HOSPITAL WITH AN ENCRYPTION  
10    KEY FOR THAT HOSPITAL ONLY TO PERMIT ACCESS TO ITS OWN PERFORMANCE DATA  
11    FOR INTERNAL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PURPOSES. HOSPITAL SPECIFIC PUBLIC  
12    REPORTING OF SEPSIS DATA INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO RISK ADJUSTED  
13    SEPSIS MORTALITY RATES, MAY REQUIRE UP TO, BUT NO MORE THAN, TWO YEARS  
14    OF "PILOT PHASE" COLLECTION DEPENDING ON THE VALIDITY AND RELIABILITY  
15    OUTCOMES OF THE DATA COLLECTED.  
16    (C) AS DESCRIBED IN THE REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE SUBMISSION OF  
17    DATA ON SEPSIS TO THE DEPARTMENT, CONSULTATION WITH APPROPRIATE  
18    NATIONAL, HOSPITAL AND EXPERT STAKEHOLDERS WILL ASSIST IN DETERMINING  
19    THE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC RELEASE OF HOSPITAL PERFORMANCE.  
20    (D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE REGULAR REPORTS AS NEEDED TO HOSPITALS  
21    ASSESSING THE ACCURACY OF THE DATA SUBMITTED DURING THE PILOT PHASE AND  
22    PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR IMPROVING THE ACCURACY OF DATA REPORTING.

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

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1 (E) AFTER THE PILOT PHASE IS COMPLETED, ALL DATA SUBMITTED UNDER THIS  
2 SECTION AND COMPILED IN THE DATABASE ESTABLISHED HEREIN AND ALL PUBLIC  
3 REPORTS DERIVED THEREFROM SHALL INCLUDE HOSPITAL IDENTIFIERS.

4 (F) CLINICAL PERFORMANCE DATA, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO INDIVIDUAL  
5 HOSPITAL MORTALITY RATES ADJUSTED FOR POTENTIAL DIFFERENCES IN RISK  
6 FACTORS AND COMPARISONS WITH STATE (OR NATIONAL, IF AVAILABLE) AVERAGES,  
7 SHALL BE DEVELOPED AND POSTED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEB SITE.

8 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.