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Introduced by Sen. RANZENHOFER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to a third reading, passed by Senate and delivered to the Assembly, recalled, vote reconsidered, restored to third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to authorizing the Erie county medical center corporation to enter into agreements for the creation and operation of a health care delivery system network and certain collaborative activities of the Erie county medical center corporation; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 8 of section 3626 of the public authorities  
2 law, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2015, amending the public  
3 authorities law relating to authorizing the Erie county medical center  
4 corporation to enter into agreements for the creation and operation of a  
5 health care delivery system network, as proposed in legislative bills  
6 numbers S.2647 and A.5254, is REPEALED.  
7     S 2. Subdivision 10 of section 3631 of the public authorities law, as  
8 added by a chapter of the laws of 2015, amending the public authorities  
9 law relating to authorizing the Erie county medical center corporation  
10 to enter into agreements for the creation and operation of a health care  
11 delivery system network, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.2647  
12 and A.5254, is REPEALED and a new subdivision 10 is added to read as  
13 follows:  
14     10. AS SET FORTH IN SECTION THIRTY-SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX OF THIS  
15 TITLE, THE CREATION AND OPERATION OF THE ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER  
16 CORPORATION IS IN ALL RESPECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE OF THE  
17 STATE OF NEW YORK AND OF THE COUNTY OF ERIE AND IS A STATE, COUNTY, AND  
18 PUBLIC PURPOSE. THE EXERCISE BY SUCH CORPORATION OF THE FUNCTIONS,  
19 POWERS, AND DUTIES PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE CONSTITUTES THE PERFORMANCE OF  
20 AN ESSENTIAL PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTION. THE CORPORATION HAS

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

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1 ADVISED THAT IT INTENDS TO CONTINUE ENGAGING IN CERTAIN COLLABORATIVE  
2 ACTIVITIES WITH, AND LIMITED TO, THE OTHER PARTIES TO THE GREAT LAKES  
3 HEALTH, INC. RESTATED BINDING AGREEMENT OF 2012 AND THE UNIVERSITY AT  
4 BUFFALO OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING  
5 IMPROVED QUALITY OF AND ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND IMPROVED  
6 CLINICAL OUTCOMES, CONSISTING OF: (A) DEVELOPMENT OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE  
7 JOINT HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM; (B) JOINT MARKETING OF  
8 HEALTH CARE SERVICES; (C) JOINT PURCHASING OF SERVICES, SUPPLIES AND  
9 EQUIPMENT RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES; (D) DEVELOP-  
10 MENT OF A JOINT SET OF CLINICAL QUALITY STANDARDS; (E) COORDINATION AND  
11 INTEGRATION OF CLINICAL SERVICES TO REDUCE REDUNDANCY AND INCREASE EFFI-  
12 CIENCY; (F) JOINT MANAGEMENT OF GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC  
13 AFFILIATIONS; AND (G) JOINT DISCUSSIONS WITH RURAL HOSPITALS REGARDING  
14 THE POSSIBILITY OF COORDINATING AND INTEGRATING CLINICAL SERVICES. TO  
15 PROMOTE IMPROVED QUALITY OF AND ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND  
16 IMPROVED CLINICAL OUTCOMES, AND CONSISTENT WITH THE CORPORATION'S FURTH-  
17 ERANCE OF ITS HEALTH CARE PURPOSES THROUGH THE EXERCISE OF THE SPECIAL  
18 POWERS EXERCISED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND THE GENERAL POWERS EXER-  
19 CISED PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE, IT IS THE POLICY OF THE STATE TO SUPPLANT  
20 COMPETITION FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMMUNIZING THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTA-  
21 TION OF THE ENUMERATED ACTIVITIES BY THE CORPORATION IN COLLABORATION  
22 WITH ANY ONE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED ENTITIES FROM LIABILITY UNDER THE  
23 FEDERAL AND STATE ANTITRUST LAWS, TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH COLLABORATIVE  
24 ACTIVITIES ARE REFLECTED IN AGREEMENTS EXECUTED BY TWO OR MORE OF THE  
25 AFOREMENTIONED ENTITIES DURING SUCH TIME AS THE GREAT LAKES HEALTH, INC.  
26 RESTATED BINDING AGREEMENT OF 2012 REMAINS IN EFFECT; PROVIDED, HOWEVER,  
27 THAT NOTHING IN THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO EXTEND SUCH  
28 DECLARATION OF POLICY TO ANY ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFICALLY  
29 ENUMERATED AND DESCRIBED HEREIN, WHICH REMAIN SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL  
30 APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL ANTITRUST LAWS.

31 S 3. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same  
32 manner as a chapter of the laws of 2015, amending the public authorities  
33 law relating to authorizing the Erie county medical center corporation  
34 to enter into agreements for the creation and operation of a health care  
35 delivery system network, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.2647  
36 and A.5254, takes effect.