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I N S E N A T E

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Introduced by Sen. HANNON -- 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 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 ASSEMBLY, 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 SECTION 2180. DESIGNATION AS COMMUNICABLE DISEASE; GENERAL HOSPITAL  
7 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 ACQUIRED 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.

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