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I N S E N A T E

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

AN ACT in relation to providing for the extension of a contract between a hospital or hospital system located in a certain county and a commercial health insurer providing coverage or benefits for both fully insured and self-insured members; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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

Section 1. A contract between a hospital or hospital system located in a county with a population greater than 178,000 and less than 182,000 and a commercial health insurer, providing coverage or benefits for both fully insured and self-insured members, which expired or terminated on or after May 31, 2016, shall automatically be extended, under the same terms and conditions, for an additional ninety days during which time the parties to the contract shall engage a mutually agreeable independent and qualified third party to mediate the financial terms in dispute between the parties. In selecting the third party mediator, such parties shall act reasonably and in good faith.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after May 31, 2016, and shall expire and be deemed repealed January 1, 2017.

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

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