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I N S E N A T E

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Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- 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 information disseminated to the public by the state board of professional medical conduct and by the department of health relating to health information

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

1 Section 1. Section 230 of the public health law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 20 to read as follows:
3 20. ALL INFORMATION, FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND DETERMINATIONS WHICH
4 ARE AUTHORIZED OR REQUIRED TO BE DISCLOSED TO THE PUBLIC SHALL BE
5 PUBLISHED IN BOTH WRITTEN AND ELECTRONIC FORM IN THE EIGHT LANGUAGES
6 WHICH ARE MOST SPOKEN IN THIS STATE.
7 S 2. Section 2997-a of the public health law, as added by chapter 542
8 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:
9 S 2997-a. Public access. 1. Nothing in this title shall abridge public
10 access to information currently available or permitted by any other
11 provision or rule of law. Nothing in this title shall not authorize the
12 disclosure of otherwise confidential information, except pursuant to the
13 express terms of this title.
14 2. ALL INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE
15 SHALL BE PROVIDED IN BOTH WRITTEN AND ELECTRONIC FORM IN THE EIGHT
16 LANGUAGES WHICH ARE MOST SPOKEN IN THIS STATE.
17 S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
18 it shall have become a law; provided that, effective immediately, any
19 rules and regulations or any other action necessary to implement the
20 provisions of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed
21 to be completed on or before such date.

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

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