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Introduced by Sen. ESPAILLAT -- 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 requiring hospitals to post information regarding the length of time a patient will wait in a hospital emergency department

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

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2827 to read as follows:

S 2827. PATIENTS WAITING FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT. HOSPITALS SHALL PROMINENTLY POST IN THE PATIENT WAITING ROOMS OF EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS A CLOCK, SIGN, OR OTHER DEVICE DISPLAYING THE APPROXIMATE TIME BEFORE A PATIENT AWAITING EMERGENCY TREATMENT SHALL BE SEEN BY A PHYSICIAN, NURSE OR OTHER EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL FOR EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT. HOSPITALS SHALL ALSO MAKE SUCH INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THEIR WEBSITE.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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