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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to providing information on the availability of the influenza vaccine in assisted living facilities

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

1 Section 1. Section 207 of the public health law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 3-a to read as follows:

3 3-A. (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE, AT NO COST TO EACH ADULT CARE
4 FACILITY, ADULT HOME, ENRICHED HOUSING PROGRAM, RESIDENCE FOR ADULTS,
5 ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE SEVEN OF THE SOCIAL
6 SERVICES LAW, AND ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE
7 FORTY-SIX-B OF THIS CHAPTER, IN AN EASILY PRINTABLE FORMAT, INFORMATION
8 ABOUT THE INFLUENZA VACCINE FOR OLDER ADULTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED
9 TO: (1) THE ROLE THE INFLUENZA VACCINE PLAYS IN THE PREVENTION OF INFLU-
10 ENZA IN OLDER ADULTS; (2) THE HEALTH RISKS AND COMPLICATIONS ASSOCIATED
11 WITH, AND THE MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY RATES AMONG OLDER ADULTS SUFFERING
12 FROM INFLUENZA; (3) THE AVAILABILITY AND EFFICACY OF THE INFLUENZA
13 VACCINE; (4) THE INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY BENEFITS OF INOCULATING OLDER
14 ADULTS LIVING IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO EACH OTHER, ESPECIALLY THOSE LIVING
15 IN ADULT CARE AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES; (5) INFLUENZA VACCINE
16 PROGRAMS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS PROVIDING INFLUENZA VACCINATIONS TO
17 OLDER ADULTS; AND (6) ENCOURAGEMENT THAT ALL RESIDENTS IN ALL SUCH
18 FACILITIES CONSULT WITH THEIR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER CONCERNING THE ADMIN-
19 ISTRATION OF ADEQUATE DOSE OR DOSES OF INFLUENZA VACCINE.

20 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE EACH FACILITY OR ENTITY IDENTIFIED IN
21 PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE STATE TO POST
22 THE INFORMATION IN A CONSPICUOUS PUBLIC PLACE IN THE FACILITIES, BY
23 AUGUST FIRST OF EACH YEAR. THE ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES SHALL ALSO BE
24 REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION TO EACH NEW RESIDENT WITHIN A
25 REASONABLE TIME AND WITHOUT COST.

26 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
27 it shall have become a law; provided however, that the commissioner of
28 health is authorized and directed to promulgate any rules or regulations
29 necessary for the timely implementation of this act on or before such
30 date.

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

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