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Introduced by M. of A. L. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health -- recommitted to the Committee on Health in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- again reported from said committee with amendments, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the distribution of information to patients at high risk of developing lymphedema

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section  
2 2803-v to read as follows:

3 § 2803-v. Lymphedema information distribution. 1. For the purposes of  
4 this section, the term "lymphedema" shall mean an accumulation of fluid  
5 in the interstitial tissue that causes swelling, most often in the arms  
6 and/or legs, and occasionally in other parts of the body, from any  
7 cause.

8 2. The commissioner shall design an informational packet about lymph-  
9 edema and shall require that every general hospital distribute such  
10 packet to all patients at high risk of developing lymphedema. Patients  
11 deemed high risk shall include:

12 (a) patients who experience any significant injury to soft tissue that  
13 could reasonably be expected, using sound medical judgment, as a result  
14 of severity and nature thereof, to compromise or cause to be ineffective  
15 the drainage of the lymphatic system;

16 (b) patients who experience recurrent or persistent bacterial  
17 infections that could reasonably be expected, using sound medical judg-  
18 ment, as a result of severity and nature thereof, to compromise or cause  
19 to be ineffective the drainage of the lymphatic system; or

20 (c) patients who have had corrective surgical procedures performed  
21 that may have interfered with the lymph drainage by severing local lymph-

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

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1 hatics in a manner that may jeopardize reconstitution and recovery of  
2 lymph drainage.

3 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
4 it shall have become a law.