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IN SENATE

January 12, 2017

Introduced by Sen. HANNON -- 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 electronic health records

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

1 Section 1. Title 1 of article 29-D of the public health law is amended
2 by adding a new section 2997-f-1 to read as follows:

3 § 2997-f-1. Electronic health records. 1. All hospitals licensed
4 under article twenty-eight of this chapter, all office-based surgery
5 practices accredited pursuant to section two hundred thirty-d of this
6 chapter, and any health care provider licensed pursuant to title eight
7 of the education law who operates a practice which accepts unscheduled,
8 walk-in appointments from patients that are not regularly seen by the
9 practitioner and has extended hours of operation shall utilize and main-
10 tain an electronic health record system that connects to the local
11 regional health information organization to facilitate the exchange of
12 health information.

13 2. Each regional health information organization shall ensure it is
14 accessible and capable of connecting all hospitals and health care
15 providers under this section, and any other health care provider or
16 qualified health entity and their electronic health record vendors,
17 including, but not limited to, private physician practices and county
18 health departments that wish to connect to the regional health informa-
19 tion organization.

20 3. Health care providers may apply for any funding available for
21 health information technology and electronic health record infrastruc-
22 ture.

23 4. The commissioner shall establish a process by which the health care
24 providers covered by this section may apply for a waiver from the elec-
25 tronic health record requirements imposed by this section due to econom-

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

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1 ic hardship, technological limitations that are not reasonably within
2 the control of the health care provider, or other exceptional circum-
3 stance demonstrated by the health care provider.

4 § 2. This act shall take effect 2 years after it shall have become a
5 law; provided, however, that, effective immediately the commissioner of
6 health is authorized to promulgate any rules and regulations necessary
7 to ensure that regional health care organizations are capable of comply-
8 ing with the provisions of this act on its effective date.