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Introduced by M. of A. L. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

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:

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

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

2. The commissioner shall design an informational packet about lymphedema and shall require that every hospital or general hospital distribute such packet to all patients at high risk of developing lymphedema. Patients at high risk shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) patients who have had their lymph nodes removed or their lymphatic system damaged during cancer treatment;

(b) veterans injured in combat;

(c) patients who have endured physical trauma; and

(d) parents or guardians of any child who experiences swelling or deformation in infancy.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth 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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