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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

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 hospital or general hospital
10 distribute such packet to all patients at high risk of developing lymph-
11 edema. Patients deemed high risk shall include:

12 (a) patients who experience any significant injury to soft tissue;

13 (b) patients who experience recurrent or persistent bacterial
14 infections; or

15 (c) patients who have had corrective surgical procedures performed
16 that may have interfered with the lymph drainage by severing local lymph-
17 atics in a manner that may jeopardize reconstitution and recovery of
18 lymph drainage.

19 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
20 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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