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Introduced by Sen. GOLDEN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- 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:

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 general hospital distribute such packet to all patients at high risk of developing lymphedema. Patients deemed high risk shall include:

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

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

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

§ 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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