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Introduced by M. of A. CAHILL -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BENEDETTO, GALEF, GLICK, KOLB, LUPARDO, MONTESANO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring the commissioner of health to develop and implement a system for uniform patient safety

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 25
2 to read as follows:
3 § 25. Uniform patient safety. 1. The commissioner shall, in consulta-
4 tion with statewide organizations representative of providers of hospi-
5 tal and health-related services, develop and implement a system for
6 color-coding standardization of medical safety conditions for use in all
7 health care facilities. The commissioner shall, on or after July first,
8 two thousand twenty-one, develop such uniform patient safety conditions
9 by standardizing the color-coding of patient wrist bands and providing
10 hospitals, health care providers, residential health care facilities and
11 nursing homes in this state with a patient standardization which is
12 uniform in relation to health-related services. The commissioner shall
13 establish and implement the uniformity of all patient safety through the
14 promulgation of rules and regulations and further provide for the
15 systematic and standard application of a color system to aid in the
16 classification and identification of safety conditions including, but
17 not limited to, a do not resuscitate order, allergies, fall risk of the
18 patient, elopement and choking precautions.
19 2. For the purposes of this section, "elopement" means that a patient
20 (a) has left the hospital, health care facility, residential health care
21 facility or nursing home, or the company of staff, without authori-
22 zation; or (b) has left the hospital, health care facility, residential

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

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health care facility or nursing home with authorization but has failed to return to such facility later than thirty minutes beyond the designated time.

§ 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021; provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.