

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to publication of nursing home ratings

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 2808-e to read as follows:

3 § 2808-e. Nursing home ratings. 1. The commissioner shall provide that
4 the most recent star rating of every nursing home facility in the
5 state, assigned pursuant to the inspection rating system of the U.S.
6 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS rating), shall be promi-
7 nently displayed on the home page of the department's website, or by a
8 link from the home page directly to such information. The facility
9 ratings shall be displayed so as to allow consumers, their families,
10 and caregivers to easily compare facilities based upon their assigned
11 ratings.

12 2. Each nursing home facility shall post its CMS rating on the home-
13 page of any website maintained by such facility and on any website or
14 webpage relating to such facility maintained by an entity which owns or
15 operates such facility. Each nursing home shall also conspicuously post
16 its most recent CMS rating so that it is visible to the general public
17 and to residents. The posting shall not be defaced, marred, or hidden
18 from public view.

19 3. The commissioner shall develop and implement a public awareness
20 campaign regarding the CMS rating system. The campaign shall include
21 information on how such rating is established and how to access a nurs-
22 ing home facility's rating. Such public awareness campaign shall be made
23 available to the public by any means deemed appropriate by the commis-
24 sioner.

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

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1 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
2 have become a law.