STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 11, 2020

Introduced by Sen. BAILEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT in relation to placing a moratorium on closing hospitals during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any provisions of law, rule or regulation to the contrary, due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the state shall institute a moratorium on the closure of hospitals until December 31, 2023. As such, no hospital shall close or reduce capacity below the hospital's capacity as of January 1, 2020 before the end of such moratorium.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed January 1, 2024.

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

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