STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

February 9, 2022

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the disclosure of certain health information during a declared health emergency

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 206-c to read as follows:

§ 206-c. Disclosure of certain health information during a declared health emergency. The commissioner shall compile and report in a timely manner simultaneously to the governor, the speaker of the assembly and the temporary president of the senate, health care data related to declared health emergencies including, but not limited to, the number of cases related to such health emergency that originate in nursing, adult and residential health care facilities that are transferred to hospitals and any deaths associated with such cases; number of cases related to such health emergency that originate in hospitals and transferred to nursing, adult or residential health care facilities and any deaths associated with such cases; and the reason a patient was admitted or visiting a hospital, nursing, adult or residential health care facility when the patient tested positive for or was affected by the declared health emergency. All such information shall include new and cumulative data. All personally identifiable health information shall be kept confidential. The commissioner shall also update the same information on the department's website that is downloadable in spreadsheet format, organized according to county and date.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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