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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. SKOUFIS, MAY, RIVERA -- 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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring infection updates and infection control planning in residential health care facilities

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

Section 1. Clause (A) of subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 12 of section 2803 of the public health law, as added by chapter 114 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

(A) to update authorized family members and guardians of infected residents at least once per day and upon a change in a resident's condition and at least once a week to update all residents and authorized families and guardians on the number of infections and deaths at the facility, **and to update all residents, authorized family members, and guardians of residents at the facility within twelve hours of the detection of the presence of an infection by a resident or staff member,** by electronic or such other means as may be selected by each **resident,** authorized family member or guardian; and

§ 2. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 12 of section 2803 of the public health law is amended by adding a new clause (C) to read as follows:

(C) a plan or procedure designating a separate cohort area during an infectious disease outbreak in the residential health care facility for the separation of residents that are suspected of being infectious, including the creation of a designated infectious disease care unit; and

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth 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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