STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 2, 2022

Introduced by Sens. HINCHEY, GALLIVAN, OBERACKER, THOMAS -- 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 establishing a statewide advance care planning campaign to promote public awareness of hospice and palliative care services; and to repeal certain provisions of such law related thereto

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

Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 1 of section 207 of the public health law, as amended by section 16 of part A of chapter 109 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

(e) The **commissioner shall establish a statewide advance care planning campaign to:**

(i) promote public awareness of hospice and palliative care services; and palliative care options for patients with a terminal illness or condition;

(ii) inform the public of the importance of advance care planning and the individual's right to direct and participate in health care decisions affecting the individual;

(iii) educate individuals on the tools available to ensure their health care decisions are honored; and

(iv) the need and importance for consumers and patients to have an advance directive, particularly a health care proxy, and the need and importance for health care providers to play a leadership role in discussing end-of-life care preferences and values with patients and to provide patients with health care proxy forms.

§ 2. Paragraph (h) of subdivision 1 of section 207 of the public health law is REPEALED.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. 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 to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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