

STATE OF NEW YORK

8205--A

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:

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

4 (e) The commissioner shall establish a statewide advance care plan-
5 ning campaign to:

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

9 (ii) inform the public of the importance of advance care planning and
10 the individual's right to direct and participate in health care deci-
11 sions affecting the individual;

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

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

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20 health law is REPEALED.

21 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
22 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
23 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
24 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
25 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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