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IN SENATE

March 22, 2022

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring hospitals to provide certain information to patients who have suffered a traumatic brain injury

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 2803-bb to read as follows:

§ 2803-bb. Traumatic brain injury information distribution. 1. For the purposes of this section, "traumatic brain injury" shall mean any acquired brain injury resulting from sudden trauma causing damage to the brain.

2. The commissioner shall design an informational packet about traumatic brain injuries and shall require that every general hospital distribute such packet to all patients, caregivers, and family of patients who have suffered a traumatic brain injury.

3. Such packet shall include, but not be limited to, information regarding short-term and long-term care options for traumatic brain injury patients, resources for obtaining such care, and current best practices on post-traumatic brain injury care and rehabilitation. Such packet shall additionally, wherever practicable, avoid the use of medical terminology and instead use words with common and everyday meanings to facilitate understanding. The information contained within said packet shall also be posted on the department's website.

4. In preparing the information regarding traumatic brain injuries as provided in this section, the commissioner shall consult with appropriate health care professionals and the commissioner shall ensure that the information is maintained and updated to reflect future changes to clinical guidelines.

§ 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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