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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring the department of health to post on its website certain data relating to COVID-19 cases in hospitals and nursing homes

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. Special requirements with respect to COVID-19 data. 1. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Hospital" has the same meaning as defined by section twenty-eight hundred one of this chapter, and shall include any temporary health care facility in New York state established by the state or federal government in response to the COVID-19 pandemic or any other pandemic-related response.

(b) "Nursing home" has the same meaning as defined by section twenty-eight hundred one of this chapter.

2. The commissioner shall compile and post on the department's website in a conspicuous location and in a format capable of download in a spreadsheet format, the following data on a weekly basis:

(a) The total number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 and deaths resulting from COVID-19 in nursing homes in New York state;

(b) The total number of individuals with a confirmed case of COVID-19 transferred from a nursing home to a hospital in New York state;

(c) The total number of confirmed deaths of individuals transferred from a nursing home to a hospital resulting from a confirmed case of COVID-19; and

(d) The total number of individuals with a confirmed case of COVID-19 discharged from a hospital to a nursing home.

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

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3. The data posted pursuant to subdivision two of this section shall be organized by county, date, nursing home, and hospital, and shall include data retroactive to March first, two thousand twenty.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.