

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring hospitals and medical facilities to notify nursing homes or assisted living facilities upon receipt of a positive COVID-19 test result for a resident of such nursing home or assisted living facility and providing penalties for violations

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

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section
2 2183 to read as follows:

3 § 2183. Nursing home notification upon receipt of positive test. 1.
4 When medically indicated, upon the admission to a hospital or medical
5 facility of a patient who is a resident of a nursing home or assisted
6 living facility, such patient or the patient's authorized representative
7 shall be provided with a consent form that explicitly authorizes the
8 hospital or medical facility to inform the patient's nursing home or
9 assisted living facility of the receipt of a positive result for a
10 COVID-19 test prior to the patient being discharged from the hospital or
11 medical facility.

12 2. A hospital or medical facility that receives a patient's positive
13 COVID-19 test result shall inform the patient's nursing home or assisted
14 living facility of the result prior to the patient being discharged from
15 the hospital or medical facility.

16 3. A hospital or medical facility that fails to give notification as
17 required by this section shall be subject to a civil fine of one thou-
18 sand dollars for each day or part thereof that notification is not
19 given. All fines collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be
20 collected by the department and shall be deposited by the commissioner
21 and credited to the disease management account established by the comp-
22 troller in the special revenue-other fund.

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

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1 4. The commissioner shall promulgate regulations as necessary to
2 implement the provisions of this section. Such regulations shall
3 include, but not be limited to:

4 (a) guidelines and procedures for obtaining fully informed consent
5 from patients; and

6 (b) guidelines and procedures for the reporting of a patient's posi-
7 tive COVID-19 results to a nursing home or assisted living facility and
8 for maintaining the confidentiality of such results.

9 § 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
10 have become a law. Effective immediately the addition, amendment and/or
11 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of
12 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed
13 on or before such date.