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IN SENATE

January 18, 2022

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to designated essential support persons for individuals with disabilities

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 2828 of the public health law, as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the public health law relating to prohibiting general hospitals from disallowing individuals with disabilities from having an essential support person accompany them for the duration of their hospitalization, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 1035-A and A. 4685-A, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An individual with a disability **or the legal guardian for the individual** shall be allowed to designate a single primary essential support person to assist with **communicating** medical **needs** and **managing** everyday needs during hospitalization and such essential support person shall be limited to such individual's parent, spouse or caretaker.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the public health law relating to prohibiting general hospitals from disallowing individuals with disabilities from having an essential support person accompany them for the duration of their hospitalization, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 1035-A and A. 4685-A, takes effect.

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

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