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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to enacting the nurse safety work act

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 2831 to read as follows:

§ 2831. Nurse safety work act. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "nurse safety work act".

2. Hospitals will be required to implement safety procedures to ensure that hospital staff is never alone with a patient unless:

(a) the staff member has a tracking device that can be used to signal for assistance; or

(b) additional hospital staff is within a close distance or range and is able to hear and assist a co-worker's call for help.

§ 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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