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AN ACT in relation to the definition of safety-net providers

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for the purposes of determining if a provider can evince severe financial distress as outlined by chapter 53 of the laws of 2022 making appropriations for the support of government, the department of health shall consider criteria including but not limited to a general hospital as defined by section 2801 of the public health law that: (a) has two months, or less, worth of reserves to cover anticipated expenses; (b) is an enhanced safety net hospital as defined by section 2807-c of the public health law; (c) is at risk of defaulting on existing debt obligations; or (d) needs to undergo a major capital improvement in order to maintain existing services that the general hospital cannot obtain financing for and does not have reserves to cover the cost of such capital improvement.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as chapter 53 of the laws of 2022 making appropriations for the support of government, takes effect.

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

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