

# STATE OF NEW YORK

8651--A

## IN SENATE

February 26, 2024

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to grants for geriatric emergency departments; in relation to establishing a center for technical assistance relating to age-friendly health systems; and in relation to hospital performance data

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "age-  
2 friendly health system enhancement act of 2024".

3 § 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2831 to  
4 read as follows:

5 § 2831. Geriatric emergency departments. Subject to an appropriation  
6 therefor, the commissioner shall award accredited level two geriatric  
7 emergency departments in the state a grant of five hundred thousand  
8 dollars per year for three years with the condition that each department  
9 grantee shall reach level one status within twenty-four months of  
10 receiving the first grant award.

11 § 3. Subdivision 1 of section 206 of the public health law is amended  
12 by adding a new paragraph (w) to read as follows:

13 (w) establish, in conjunction with the office for the aging, a center  
14 for technical assistance in relation to age-friendly health systems.  
15 Such center shall be a public-private entity and shall utilize outside  
16 entities including but not limited to the Institute for Healthcare  
17 Improvement.

18 § 4. The section heading of section 2995-b of the public health law,  
19 as added by chapter 542 of the laws of 2000, is amended and a new subdi-  
20 vision 4 is added to read as follows:

21 Hospital [~~report cards~~] performance data.

22 4. Special designations. Using criteria developed from data collected  
23 pursuant to this section and other criteria, the department shall desig-  
24 nate hospitals that are well equipped in terms of expertise and technol-

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

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1 ogy to provide certain types of care including stroke centers, trauma  
2 centers, regional perinatal centers, burn centers, sexual assault foren-  
3 sic examiner (SAFE) programs and age-friendly designated hospitals.

4 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
5 the implementation of the provisions of section two of this act shall be  
6 subject to the appropriation of moneys specifically for the purposes  
7 thereof.