

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

February 28, 2024

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring health care professionals to ask patients if they have a disability that requires accommodation under The Americans with Disabilities Act

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 18-c to read as follows:

3 § 18-c. Patient information forms. 1. Each health care professional  
4 licensed, registered or certified pursuant to title eight of the educa-  
5 tion law shall include on their patient intake forms the following ques-  
6 tions:

7 (a) Does the patient have a disability that requires accommodation  
8 under The Americans with Disabilities Act?

9 (b) If so, what is the nature of the patient's disability?

10 (c) Is the patient requesting a reasonable accommodation, and, if so,  
11 what is the reasonable accommodation requested?

12 2. Nothing contained herein shall require a patient to answer the  
13 inquiries about a disability if they wish not to do so.

14 3. Each health care professional licensed, registered or certified  
15 pursuant to title eight of the education law shall notify the department  
16 of education that they have complied with the provisions of this section  
17 within six months after the effective date of this section. A health  
18 care professional entering into practice after the effective date of  
19 this section shall notify the department of education that they have  
20 complied with the provisions of this section within six months after the  
21 health care professional commences practice in this state. A group prac-  
22 tice may provide such notice for all health care professionals in the  
23 group practice.

24 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
25 have become a law.

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

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