STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 28, 2023

Introduced by Sen. BRESLIN -- 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 adding a representative of freestanding ambulatory surgery centers to the public health and health planning council

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

Section 1. Section 220 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 179 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

§ 220. Public health and health planning council; appointment of members. There shall continue to be in the department a public health and health planning council to consist of the commissioner and [~~twenty-five~~] **twenty-six** members to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. Membership on the council shall be reflective of the diversity of the state's population including, but not limited to, the various geographic areas and population densities throughout the state. The members shall include representatives of the public health system, health care providers that comprise the state's health care delivery system, individuals with expertise in the clinical and administrative aspects of health care delivery, issues affecting health care consumers, health planning, health care financing and reimbursement, health care regulation and compliance, and public health practice and at least two members shall also be members of the behavioral health services advisory council; at least four members shall be representatives of general hospitals or nursing homes; at least two members shall be representatives of health care consumer advocacy organizations which have a statewide or regional constituency and have been involved in activities related to health care consumer advocacy including issues of interest to low- and moderate-income individuals; and at least one member shall be a representative of each of the following groups: women's health service providers, home care agencies, ***freestanding ambulatory surgery centers,*** diagnostic and treatment centers, health care payors, and labor organizations for health care employees.

§ 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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