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Introduced by M. of A. DAVILA, ROSENTHAL, SEAWRIGHT, EICHENSTEIN, RIVERA, SIMON, BRABENEC, DeSTEFANO, CUNNINGHAM, RAGA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to video communication devices for patients or residents in nursing homes, hospitals or facilities providing health related services; and to amend the executive law, in relation to requiring as part of a disaster preparedness plan that nursing homes, adult homes, enriched housing programs, and assisted living facilities provide video communication devices to patients

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

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 2803-c of the public health law is amended by adding a new paragraph s to read as follows:

s. Pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner, every patient of a nursing home, hospital or facility providing health related services, shall have the right to video communication devices for use when visitor access is limited, including, but not limited to during flu season or during a designated state of emergency or a state disaster emergency.

§ 2. Subdivision 2 of section 23-b of the executive law is amended by adding a new paragraph (e) to read as follows:

(e) Providing video communication devices for use when visitor access is limited, including, but not limited to during a designated state of emergency or a state disaster emergency.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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