

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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

AN ACT directing the department of health to conduct a study of recreational activity programming in nursing homes

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

- 1 Section 1. a. The department of health shall conduct a study and  
2 prepare a report on recreational activity programming in nursing homes.  
3 Such study shall examine the accessibility and inclusivity of program-  
4 ming, including accommodations for residents with physical or cognitive  
5 impairments, availability of multilingual services, transportation for  
6 off-site programming, and scheduling considerations.  
7 b. For the purposes of the study, the department of health shall  
8 collect, at a minimum, the following data on facility characteristics:  
9 (i) size;  
10 (ii) geographic location;  
11 (iii) ownership type;  
12 (iv) for-profit or non-profit status;  
13 (v) staffing and administrative capacity, including the presence and  
14 qualifications of activities directors;  
15 (vi) staffing ratios;  
16 (vii) budget allocations; and  
17 (viii) the structure of activity programming, including whether facil-  
18 ities use written activity calendars, the frequency and types of activ-  
19 ities offered, such as physical or social programming.  
20 c. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the follow-  
21 ing meanings:  
22 (i) "Nursing home" shall have the same meaning as such term is defined  
23 in section twenty-eight hundred one of the public health law.  
24 (ii) "Recreational activity" shall include a range of structured phys-  
25 ical, and social interventions as determined by the department of  
26 health.  
27 § 2. Within one year of the effective date of this act, the department  
28 of health shall issue a report of the findings of the study to the  
29 governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the  
30 assembly.  
31 § 3. 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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