STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 14, 2025

Introduced by Sen. BAILEY -- 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 instituting a moratorium on the closure of hospitals during a pandemic

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

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2832 to read as follows:

§ 2832. Hospital closure moratorium during pandemics. Notwithstanding any provisions of law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the state shall institute a moratorium on the closure of hospitals during any state of emergency declared due to a pandemic. During such moratorium, no hospital shall close or reduce capacity below the hospital's capacity as of the date the moratorium was imposed.

§ 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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