

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

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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:

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section  
2 2832 to read as follows:

3 § 2832. Hospital closure moratorium during pandemics. Notwithstanding  
4 any provisions of law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the state  
5 shall institute a moratorium on the closure of hospitals during any  
6 state of emergency declared due to a pandemic. During such moratorium,  
7 no hospital shall close or reduce capacity below the hospital's capacity  
8 as of the date the moratorium was imposed.

9 § 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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