STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 4, 2025

Introduced by Sen. WEIK -- 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 requiring telephones capable of making local and long-distance telephone calls be in every nursing home patient's room

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. Subject to regulations promulgated by the commissioner, every patient shall have the right to a telephone capable of making local and long-distance telephone calls at such patient's bedside or in such patient's room depending upon the mobility of the patient.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth 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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