STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend the civil rights law and the public health law, in relation to prohibiting federal immigration officers acting within the scope of their employment from entering hospitals

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "sanctuary hospitals act".

§ 2. The civil rights law is amended by adding a new section 29 to read as follows:

§ 29. Civil arrest; protection in hospital settings. 1. A person receiving care, employed, or otherwise present at a hospital, is privileged from civil arrest.

2. No civil arrest shall be executed on hospital premises unless supported by a judicial warrant or order. No other document shall be sufficient for the execution of a civil arrest on hospital premises, including an administrative warrant or immigration detainer.

3. As used in this section, "judicial warrant or order" shall mean a warrant or order that is signed by a United States district judge or federal magistrate judge and demonstrates probable cause to believe an individual has committed a crime or offense.

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

§ 2832. Prohibition of immigration enforcement. 1. A hospital shall be prohibited from allowing federal immigration enforcement officers acting within the scope of their employment onto the premises of the hospital unless such federal immigration enforcement officers provide a valid judicial warrant or order.

2. The commissioner shall promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to ensure compliance with the provisions of this section, includ-

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

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ing, but not limited to, training for hospital personnel on handling immigration and customs enforcement (ICE) requests.

3. As used in this section, "judicial warrant or order" shall mean a warrant or order that is signed by a United States district judge or federal magistrate judge and demonstrates probable cause to believe an individual has committed a crime or offense.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.