

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 2, 2026

Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- 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 the use of metal detectors at all general hospital public entrances

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 5 of section 2832 of the public health law, as
2 added by chapter 618 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:
3 5. Based on the findings and ongoing review of the workplace violence
4 assessment, general hospitals shall implement a workplace violence safe-
5 ty and security plan, which shall be updated as necessary to address
6 newly identified material risks and changes in conditions. The safety
7 and security plan shall specify methods to reduce identified risks,
8 which may include employee training, increased staffing and security,
9 engineering controls such as barriers, lighting, alarms and communi-
10 cation systems, safety equipment, general hospital improvements or
11 modifications, and other appropriate measures relevant to the general
12 hospital, and shall at a minimum include the use of metal detectors at
13 all public entrances. Each general hospital shall provide a written
14 detailed summary of the safety and security plan to its employees and
15 collective bargaining representatives, if applicable. Each general
16 hospital shall also provide information to its employees and collective
17 bargaining representatives, if applicable, about how to report incidents
18 of workplace violence. Each general hospital shall share summaries of
19 the incident log, appropriately redacted to protect the privacy of
20 persons involved in an incident, trends and analysis of relevant data
21 with the general hospital security or safety committee responsible for
22 workplace violence and ensure that the data is part of the workplace
23 violence assessment process.
24 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, if
25 chapter 618 of the laws of 2025 shall not have taken effect on or before
26 such date then this act shall take effect on the same date and in the
27 same manner as such chapter of the laws of 2025 takes effect.

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

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