STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

March 13, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. GIBBS -- read once and referred 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:

Section 1. Subdivision 5 of section 2832 of the public health law, as added by chapter 618 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

5. Based on the findings and ongoing review of the workplace violence assessment, general hospitals shall implement a workplace violence safety and security plan, which shall be updated as necessary to address newly identified material risks and changes in conditions. The safety and security plan shall specify methods to reduce identified risks, which may include employee training, increased staffing and security, engineering controls such as barriers, lighting, alarms and communication systems, safety equipment, general hospital improvements or modifications, and other appropriate measures relevant to the general hospital**, and shall at a minimum include the use of metal detectors at all public entrances**. Each general hospital shall provide a written detailed summary of the safety and security plan to its employees and collective bargaining representatives, if applicable. Each general hospital shall also provide information to its employees and collective bargaining representatives, if applicable, about how to report incidents of workplace violence. Each general hospital shall share summaries of the incident log, appropriately redacted to protect the privacy of persons involved in an incident, trends and analysis of relevant data with the general hospital security or safety committee responsible for workplace violence and ensure that the data is part of the workplace violence assessment process.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, if chapter 618 of the laws of 2025 shall not have taken effect on or before such date then this act shall take effect on the same date and in the 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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