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Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN, SAYEGH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to grants for geriatric emergency departments; in relation to establishing a center for technical assistance relating to age-friendly health systems; and in relation to hospital performance data

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "age-
2 friendly health system enhancement act".

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

5 § 2832. Geriatric emergency departments. Subject to an appropriation
6 therefor, the commissioner shall award accredited level two geriatric
7 emergency departments in the state a grant of five hundred thousand
8 dollars per year for three years with the condition that each department
9 grantee shall reach level one status within twenty-four months of
10 receiving the first grant award.

11 § 3. Subdivision 1 of section 206 of the public health law is amended
12 by adding a new paragraph (x) to read as follows:

13 (x) establish, in conjunction with the office for the aging, a center
14 for technical assistance in relation to age-friendly health systems.
15 Such center shall be a public-private entity and shall utilize outside
16 entities including but not limited to the Institute for Healthcare
17 Improvement.

18 § 4. The section heading of section 2995-b of the public health law,
19 as added by chapter 542 of the laws of 2000, is amended and a new subdi-
20 vision 4 is added to read as follows:

21 Hospital [~~report cards~~] performance data.

22 4. Special designations. Using criteria developed from data collected
23 pursuant to this section and other criteria, the department shall desig-

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

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1 nate hospitals that are well equipped in terms of expertise and technol-
2 ogy to provide certain types of care including stroke centers, trauma
3 centers, regional perinatal centers, burn centers, sexual assault foren-
4 sic examiner (SAFE) programs and age-friendly designated hospitals.

5 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
6 the implementation of the provisions of section two of this act shall be
7 subject to the appropriation of moneys specifically for the purposes
8 thereof.