

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

January 17, 2025

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 2803-c of the public health law is  
2 amended by adding a new paragraph s to read as follows:

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

7 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
8 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-  
9 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-  
10 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and  
11 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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