

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT directing the department of health to conduct a study of recreational activity programming in nursing homes

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

- 1 Section 1. a. The department of health shall conduct a study and
2 prepare a report on recreational activity programming in nursing homes.
3 Such study shall examine the accessibility and inclusivity of program-
4 ming, including accommodations for residents with physical or cognitive
5 impairments, availability of multilingual services, transportation for
6 off-site programming, and scheduling considerations.
7 b. For the purposes of the study, the department of health shall
8 collect, at a minimum, the following data on facility characteristics:
9 (i) size;
10 (ii) geographic location;
11 (iii) ownership type;
12 (iv) for-profit or non-profit status;
13 (v) staffing and administrative capacity, including the presence and
14 qualifications of activities directors;
15 (vi) staffing ratios;
16 (vii) budget allocations; and
17 (viii) the structure of activity programming, including whether facil-
18 ities use written activity calendars, the frequency and types of activ-
19 ities offered, such as physical or social programming.
20 c. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the follow-
21 ing meanings:
22 (i) "Nursing home" shall have the same meaning as such term is defined
23 in section twenty-eight hundred one of the public health law.
24 (ii) "Recreational activity" shall include a range of structured phys-
25 ical, and social interventions as determined by the department of
26 health.
27 § 2. Within one year of the effective date of this act, the department
28 of health shall issue a report of the findings of the study to the
29 governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the
30 assembly.
31 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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