STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 1, 2026

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- 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 a hospital patient directory

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 2805 of the public health law, as added by chapter 795 of the laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows:

1. No hospital shall be operated unless it shall: (a) possess a valid operating certificate issued pursuant to this article, which certificate may specify the kind or kinds of hospital services the facility is authorized to provide; (b) establish and maintain a uniform system of cost analysis approved by the commissioner; [~~and~~] (c) establish and maintain a uniform system of reports and audits meeting the requirements of the commissioner**; and (d) have a directory of patients' information that is established in a manner which the patient or the patient's legal representative shall opt in after informed consent**.

§ 2. This act shall take effect eighteen months after it shall have become a law.

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

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