STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 15, 2026

Introduced by Sen. SCARCELLA-SPANTON -- 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 disclosing certain diagnostic results to patients on their electronic health record

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

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 18-d to read as follows:

§ 18-d. Disclosure of certain diagnostic results. 1. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Electronic health record" shall have the same meaning as such term is defined by section forty-four hundred eight of this chapter.

(b) "Treating practitioner" shall have the same meaning as such term is defined by section eighteen of this title.

2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, where a pathology report or radiology report has a reasonable likelihood of showing a finding of malignancy, such report shall not be disclosed to a patient as a part of their electronic health record until seventy-two hours after such report is finalized, unless the treating practitioner contacts the patient regarding the results of such report before the end of the seventy-two hour period.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day 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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