STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 7, 2026

Introduced by Sen. WEIK -- 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 requiring security at all publicly accessible entrances of general hospitals

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 2805-aa to read as follows:

§ 2805-aa. General hospital security. Every general hospital shall be required to have either one off-duty law enforcement officer or trained security personnel be present at all times at each publicly accessible entrance or have installed locking doors at each publicly accessible entrance. Every general hospital shall also provide wearable employee panic buttons or alert devices capable of immediately notifying on-site security personnel or law enforcement in the event of a dangerous situation or emergency. Such panic buttons or alert devices shall have replaceable or rechargeable batteries that can be changed by employees without requiring the assistance of security or maintenance personnel. Each general hospital shall maintain procedures to ensure such devices remain functional and available to all employees during work shifts.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the two hundred eightieth 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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