STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 13, 2026

Introduced by Sen. ZELLNER -- 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 general hospitals and nursing homes to offer free notarial services to patients

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. Hospital and nursing home notarial services. Every general hospital and nursing home shall have an employee present, from eight o'clock a.m. to six o'clock p.m. each business day, who has been appointed as a notary public pursuant to section one hundred thirty of the executive law. Such employee shall offer notarial services to patients of such general hospital or nursing home at no charge to such patients. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a general hospital or nursing home from offering free notarial services to patients outside the hours of eight o'clock a.m. to six o'clock p.m., or on non-business days.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth 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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