

**STATUS:**

<b>S 7483-A HUNTLEY</b> Same as A 10748-A Lancman (MS) ON FILE: 06/16/10 Public Health Law TITLE....Enacts the "hospital closure planning act" 04/14/10REFERRED TO HEALTH 06/15/10AMEND AND RECOMMIT TO HEALTH 06/15/10PRINT NUMBER 7483A 06/23/10COMMITTEE DISCHARGED AND COMMITTED TO RULES 06/23/10ORDERED TO THIRD READING CAL.1144 06/24/10PASSED SENATE 06/24/10DELIVERED TO ASSEMBLY 06/24/10referred to ways and means 06/24/10substituted for a10748a 06/24/10ordered to third reading rules cal.360 06/28/10passed assembly 06/28/10returned to senate 09/20/10DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR 10/01/10SIGNED CHAP.541	<b>A10748-A Lancman (MS)</b> Same as S 7483-A HUNTLEY Public Health Law TITLE....Enacts the "hospital closure planning act" 04/19/10 referred to health 04/27/10 reported referred to ways and means 06/15/10 amend and recommit to ways and means 06/15/10 print number 10748a 06/24/10 reported referred to rules 06/24/10 reported 06/24/10 rules report cal.360 06/24/10 substituted by s7483a <b>S07483 HUNTLEY AMEND=A</b> 04/14/10 REFERRED TO HEALTH 06/15/10 AMEND AND RECOMMIT TO HEALTH 06/15/10 PRINT NUMBER 7483A 06/23/10 COMMITTEE DISCHARGED AND COMMITTED TO RULES 06/23/10 ORDERED TO THIRD READING CAL.1144 06/24/10 PASSED SENATE 06/24/10 DELIVERED TO ASSEMBLY 06/24/10 referred to ways and means 06/24/10 substituted for a10748a 06/24/10 ordered to third reading rules cal.360 06/28/10 passed assembly 06/28/10 returned to senate 09/20/10 DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR 10/01/10 SIGNED CHAP.541
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**Same-As History:**

Bill Version	Same-As Bill
S 7483	A 10748 , A 8461-C , S 5802-A
S 7483-A	A 10748-A
Current Same-As	
S 7483-A	A10748-A

**SUMMARY:**

HUNTLEY, ESPADA, THOMPSON

Add S2801-g, Pub Health L

Enacts the "hospital closure planning act"; provides that whenever a general hospital closes, the commissioner of health shall within thirty days of being notified of such closure, hold a public hearing at a location within the geographic area served by such general hospital to solicit testimony concerning the extent to which such closure will

result in the reduction or elimination of health care services in the affected community, and options and proposals for replacing or enhancing such health care services through other means in order to meet the needs of residents in the affected community; makes related provisions.

EFF. DATE 10/01/2010 (SEE TABLE)

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**BILL TEXT:**

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**STATE OF NEW YORK**

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7483--A

**IN SENATE**

April 14, 2010

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Introduced by Sens. HUNTLEY, ESPADA, THOMPSON --  
read twice and ordered  
printed, and when printed to be committed to the  
Committee on Health  
-- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered  
reprinted as amended  
and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in  
relation to enacting the  
"hospital closure planning act"

**The People of the State of New York, represented  
in Senate and Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:**

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known  
and may be cited as  
2 the "hospital closure planning act".  
3 § 2. The public health law is amended by adding  
a new section 2801-g  
4 to read as follows:  
5 **§ 2801-g. Community forum on hospital closure. 1.**  
**No later than thirty**

6 days after the closure of a general hospital, the  
7 commissioner shall  
8 hold a public community forum for the purpose of  
9 obtaining public input  
10 concerning the anticipated impact of the general  
11 hospital's closure on  
12 access to health care services by members of the  
13 surrounding community,  
14 including but not limited to recipients of medical  
15 assistance for needy  
16 persons, the uninsured, and underserved  
17 populations, and options and  
18 proposals to ameliorate such anticipated impact.  
19 The commissioner shall  
20 afford community members, health care providers,  
21 labor unions, payers,  
22 businesses and consumers a reasonable opportunity  
23 to speak about rele-  
24 vant matters at such community forum.  
25 2. No later than sixty days after holding a  
26 community forum pursuant  
27 to subdivision one of this section, the  
28 commissioner shall make avail-  
29 able to the public on the department's website  
30 information regarding:  
31 (a) the anticipated impact of the general  
32 hospital's closure on access  
33 to health care services by members of the  
34 surrounding community, includ-  
35 ing but not limited to recipients of medical  
36 assistance for needy  
37 persons, the uninsured, and underserved  
38 populations;  
39 (b) specific measures the department and other  
40 parties have taken or  
41 will take to ameliorate such anticipated impact;  
42 and  
43 (c) any further recommendations regarding  
44 access to health care  
45 services in communities impacted by the general  
46 hospital's closure.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is  
new; matter in brackets

[-] is old law to be omitted.

1     3. A community forum conducted pursuant to this  
2     section shall be held  
3     at a location within a reasonable proximity to  
4     the general hospital  
5     subject to closure, and shall be announced no  
6     less than ten days prior  
7     to the date of such community forum.

5     § 3. This act shall take effect immediately  
and shall apply only to

6     general hospitals that close on or after such  
effective date.

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**SPONSORS MEMO:**

**NEW YORK STATE SENATE  
INTRODUCER'S MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT  
submitted in accordance with Senate Rule VI. Sec 1**

**BILL NUMBER:** S7483A

**SPONSOR:** HUNTLEY

**TITLE OF BILL:**

An act to amend the public health law, in relation to  
enacting the  
"hospital closure planning act"

**PURPOSE OR GENERAL IDEA OF BILL:**

To allow for community input on the impact of a hospital's  
closing on  
access to health care in the surrounding community and  
require the  
department of health to identify the measures which the  
department and  
other parties have taken or will take to ameliorate such  
impact.

**SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC PROVISIONS:**

The public health law is amended by adding a new section,  
2801-g, which

would require a public forum on the consequences of a hospital's closing and a response from the state health commissioner on measures to mitigate the negative effects of the planned closing.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

New York's hospitals are a vital part of the state's health care infrastructure. The loss of these institutions can have serious public health consequences for the surrounding community, including but not limited to recipients of medical assistance for needy persons, the uninsured, and underserved populations. The current economic climate increases the chances that hospitals that provide important services may be forced to close for financial reasons. Therefore, it is critical that procedures be in place to establish contingency plans that will minimize the impact of such closings on the affected community.

**PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

None.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect immediately.