

**LOCAL LAW NO. "S" FOR 2018**

**A LOCAL LAW TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS TO POST THEIR POLICIES ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE, NON-DISCRIMINATION, CHARITY CARE AND ADMISSIONS IN ALBANY COUNTY**

Introduced: 9/12/18  
By Messrs. Clenahan:

BE IT ENACTED by the Albany County Legislature as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent.

The Legislature finds that hospitals should post their policies on reproductive healthcare, end-of-life care, non-discrimination, charity care and admissions so that patients are informed whether the medical service they are seeking will be provided to them.

Section 2. Definitions

As used in this Local Law, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

- (a) "Hospital" shall have the same meaning as provided in the relevant section of the New York State Law.

Section 3. Requirements.

A hospital located in Albany County shall publicly post on their web site their policies on reproductive healthcare, end-of-life care, non-discrimination, charity care and admissions.

Section 4. Rules and Regulations.

The Albany County Department of Health may promulgate such rules and regulations as it deems necessary to implement and enforce the provisions of this Local Law.

Section 5. Applicability.

This article shall apply to all actions occurring on or after the effective date of this Local Law.

Section 6. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm,

partnership, entity or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this Local Law, or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect within ninety (90) days of its filing with the Secretary of State.

*Referred to Law and Health Committees– 9/12/18*