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By Senate Serino

Amend Senate Bill No 8419

On page 2, after section 2, insert:

§3. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Protecting Our Nursing Homes Act of 2020".

§ 4. 1. For the purposes of this act:

a. "Coverage period" shall mean April 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020.

b. "Nursing home" shall mean a facility defined as a nursing home or residential health care facility pursuant to subdivisions two and three of section two thousand eight hundred one of the public health law or an adult care facility subject to the provisions of title two of article seven of the social services law.

c. "Personal protective clothing and equipment" shall mean personal protective clothing and equipment worn for protection against illness from infectious disease or materials or to help prevent or reduce the spread of infectious disease or illness, including, but not limited to, isolation gowns and coveralls, gloves, facemasks, face shields, goggles, and any other clothing or equipment determined by the commissioner of health to be effective in protecting the wearer against illness from infectious disease or materials or to help prevent or reduce the spread of infectious disease or illness.

2. The commissioner of health is hereby authorized and directed to establish and implement a program to provide nursing homes with funds to purchase personal protective equipment, provide for the cost of COVID-19 testing for nursing home residents and employees, or hire and train additional staff in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

3. Such program shall be provided no less than \$100,000,000 of monies that have been allocated to the state of New York by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 (P.L. 116-136) that have not otherwise been obligated, to provide nursing homes with funds to purchase personal protective equipment or hire additional staff.

4. Any unit of local government that received funding from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 (P.L. 116-136) shall create a program to provide

nursing homes with funds to purchase personal protective equipment, provide for the cost of COVID-19 testing for nursing home residents and employees, or hire and train additional staff, with a funding level proportional to the size of the state program, and the funding they received from the CARES Act.