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Introduced by Sen. HANNON -- 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 ensuring ongoing quality assurance measures for emergency medical and trauma care and autopsy reports on cadavers treated at trauma centers

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 3066 of the public health law, as added by chapter 449 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

4. The department shall develop and periodically revise a comprehensive emergency medical and trauma care plan with the advice of the state emergency medical services council, the state emergency medical advisory committee and the state trauma advisory committee, incorporating injury control programs AND ONGOING QUALITY ASSURANCE MEASURES for all components of the trauma system involved in trauma care.

S 2. Section 4210 of the public health law is amended by adding a new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

2-A. AUTOPSY REPORTS FOR PATIENTS TREATED AT DESIGNATED TRAUMA CENTERS FOLLOWING INJURY SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE IN A TIMELY MANNER TO THE REFERRING TRAUMA CENTER. THIS INFORMATION IS REQUIRED BY THE TRAUMA CENTER IN ORDER TO MEET THE CRITERIA FOR ONGOING PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT REQUIRED BY THE TRAUMA CENTER VERIFICATION PROCESS. SUCH REPORTS SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM ALL ACTIONS PURSUANT TO THE CIVIL PRACTICE LAW AND RULES.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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