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Introduced by Sen. ANTONACCI -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law and the environmental conservation law, in relation to allowing donate life registration when applying for or renewing a hunting, fishing or trapping license

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 5 of section 4310 of the
2 public health law, as separately amended by chapters 40 and 248 of the
3 laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

4 (a) Such organ, eye and tissue registration of consent to make an
5 anatomical gift can be made through: (i) indication made on the applica-
6 tion or renewal form of a driver's license, (ii) indication made on a
7 non-driver identification card application or renewal form, (iii) indi-
8 cation made on a voter registration form pursuant to subdivision five of
9 section 5-210 of the election law, (iv) indication made on the applica-
10 tion for health care coverage offered through the state health benefit
11 exchange, (v) enrollment through the donate life registry website, (vi)
12 paper enrollment submitted to the donate life registry, ~~[-]~~ (vii) indi-
13 cation made on the application or renewal form of a hunting, fishing or
14 trapping license issued pursuant to title seven of article eleven of the
15 environmental conservation law, or (viii) through any other method iden-
16 tified by the commissioner. The department shall establish a means by
17 which to register the consent given by individuals who are sixteen or
18 seventeen years of age in the donate life registry, and shall make
19 registration available by any of the methods provided in subparagraphs
20 (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) ~~and~~, (vi) and (vii) of this paragraph.

21 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 206 of the public health law is amended
22 by adding a new paragraph (w) to read as follows:

23 (w) require, in consultation and cooperation with the commissioner of
24 the department of environmental conservation, that every individual

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

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1 applying for or renewing a license for hunting, fishing, or trapping
2 issued pursuant to title seven of article eleven of the environmental
3 conservation law, be provided space so that such applicant may register
4 in the donate life registry for organ, eye and tissue donations pursuant
5 to section forty-three hundred ten of this chapter with the following
6 stated in clear conspicuous type:

7 "You must fill out the following section: Would you like to be added
8 to the Donate Life Registry? Check box for 'yes' or 'skip this ques-
9 tion'."

10 Except where the application is made in person or electronically,
11 failure to check a box shall not impair the validity of an application
12 or renewal, and failure to check "yes" or checking "skip this question"
13 shall not be construed to imply a wish not to donate. In the case of an
14 applicant under sixteen years of age, checking "yes" shall not consti-
15 tute consent to make an anatomical gift or registration in the donate
16 life registry. Where an applicant has previously consented to make an
17 anatomical gift or is registered in the donate life registry, checking
18 "skip this question" or failing to check a box shall not impair that
19 consent or registration.

20 § 3. Section 11-0713 of the environmental conservation law is amended
21 by adding a new subdivision 7 to read as follows:

22 7. The commissioner shall provide, on each form for purchase or
23 renewal of a license pursuant to this title, space for the applicant to
24 register in the donate life registry for organ, eye and tissue donations
25 established pursuant to section forty-three hundred ten of the public
26 health law with the following stated on the application in clear and
27 conspicuous type:

28 "You must fill out the following section: Would you like to be added
29 to the Donate Life Registry? Check box for 'yes' or 'skip this ques-
30 tion'."

31 Failure to check a box shall not be construed to imply a wish not to
32 donate. In the case of an applicant under sixteen years of age, checking
33 "yes" shall not constitute consent to make an anatomical gift or regis-
34 tration in the donate life registry. Where an applicant has previously
35 consented to make an anatomical gift or is registered in the donate life
36 registry, checking "skip this question" or failing to check a box shall
37 not impair that consent or registration.

38 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.