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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. REICHLIN-MELNICK -- 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 requiring a physician who treats a minor patient with a life-threatening medical condition to provide certain educational information to such patient's parents or guardians

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Shepherd
2 Patterson law".

3 § 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2500-m
4 to read as follows:

5 § 2500-m. Minor patient with life-threatening medical condition.
6 Every physician who treats a patient under the age of eighteen who has a
7 life-threatening medical condition shall provide oral and written infor-
8 mation to such patient's parents, guardians or persons in a parental
9 relationship, indicating that such minor is entitled to a free and
10 appropriate public education as defined under section five hundred four
11 of the federal rehabilitation act of nineteen hundred seventy-three, as
12 amended, which includes accommodations for the delivery of programs and
13 services for eligible students. Such written information shall be
14 provided upon each of the patient's medical appointments and shall be
15 used to inform the parent, guardian or person in a parental relationship
16 of their right to request a section five hundred four designation and
17 the benefits of sharing potentially life-saving emergency medical infor-
18 mation with school personnel. The department shall develop such written
19 information required under this section for distribution by physicians.

20 § 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
21 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment
22 and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation
23 of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
24 completed on or before such effective date.

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

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