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Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- 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 the reporting of lyme and tick-borne disease infection after death

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

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2799 to read as follows:

§ 2799. Reporting of lyme and tick-borne disease infection after death. If a coroner, pathologist, medical examiner, or other person qualified to conduct an examination of a deceased person discovers that at the time of death the individual was afflicted with lyme or other tick-borne diseases, as determined by the commissioner, the coroner, pathologist, medical examiner or other qualified person shall report the case promptly to the department according to the manner prescribed by the commissioner.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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