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Introduced by Sens. PARKER, KRUEGER, ONORATO, SAMPSON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- recommitted to the Committee on Health in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Codes -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to unlawful dissection, procurement, and sale of human tissue, organs or body parts

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

Section 1. Section 4216 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 346 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

S 4216. Body stealing. A person who removes the dead body of a human being, or any TISSUE, ORGAN OR part thereof from a grave, vault, or other place, where the same has been buried, or from a place where the same has been deposited while awaiting burial, without authority of law, with intent to sell the same, or for the purpose of dissection, or for the purpose of procuring a reward for the return of the same, or from malice or wantonness, is guilty of a class D felony.

S 2. Section 4217 of the public health law, as added by chapter 1031 of the laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows:

S 4217. Receiving stolen body of a human being. A person who purchases, or receives except for the purpose of burial, the dead body of a human being, or any TISSUE, ORGAN, OR part thereof, knowing that the same has been removed contrary to [the last] section FORTY-TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN OF THIS TITLE, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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

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S 3. Section 4218 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 346 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

S 4218. Opening graves. A person who opens a grave or other place of interment, temporary or otherwise, or a building wherein the dead body of a human being is deposited while awaiting burial, without authority of law, with intent to remove the body, or any TISSUE, ORGAN OR part thereof, for the purpose of selling it or demanding money for the same, or for the purpose of dissection, or from malice or wantonness, or with intent to steal or remove the coffin or any part thereof, or anything attached thereto, or any vestment, or other article interred, or intended to be interred with the dead body, is guilty of a class D felony.

S 4. The commissioner of health, in consultation with the transplant council as provided for in section 4361 of the public health law, and state and federal law enforcement agencies, shall promulgate regulations to increase monitoring and enforcement of the provisions of title 2 of article 42 and article 43-B of the public health law in relation to unlawful dissection, procurement, storage and sale of human tissue, organs and body parts for transplant.

S 5. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.