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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law and the public health law, in relation to distribution of health care proxy, and organ and tissue donation information

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

Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 397-c to read as follows:

S 397-C. DISTRIBUTION OF HEALTH CARE PROXY, AND ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION INFORMATION. 1. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE, IN LICENSE AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION MAILINGS TO NEW YORK RESIDENTS, A HEALTH CARE PROXY FORM AND INSTRUCTIONS AS PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONDUCT SUCH MAILINGS FOR THE ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR ONCE EVERY FOUR YEARS. THE FIRST MAILING SHALL COMMENCE ON A SCHEDULE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER, BUT MUST COMMENCE NO LATER THAN JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN.

2. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE, IN LICENSE AND REGISTRATION MAILINGS TO NEW YORK RESIDENTS, INFORMATION ON THE MANNER IN WHICH TO ENROLL IN THE DONATE LIFE REGISTRY PURSUANT TO SECTION FORTY-THREE HUNDRED TEN OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONDUCT SUCH MAILINGS FOR THE ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR ONCE EVERY FOUR YEARS. THE FIRST MAILING SHALL COMMENCE ON A SCHEDULE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER, BUT MUST COMMENCE NO LATER THAN JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN.

3. EVERY SUCH MAILING SHALL INCLUDE THE ADDRESS AND LINK TO THE INTERNET WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH THAT PROVIDES INFORMATION ON HEALTH CARE PROXIES AND THE DONATE LIFE REGISTRY.

S 2. Section 206 of the public health law is amended by adding a new subdivision 27 to read as follows:

27. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL OPERATE AND MAINTAIN, ON THE DEPARTMENT'S INTERNET WEBSITE, A SITE THAT INCLUDES INFORMATION ON HEALTH CARE PROXIES, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE TWENTY-NINE-C OF THIS CHAPTER, AND THE DONATE LIFE REGISTRY, PURSUANT TO SECTION FORTY-THREE HUNDRED TEN OF THIS CHAPTER.

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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