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Introduced by M. of A. KELLNER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to providing lifetime, premium-free insurance through the Healthy NY program to a person who donates during the course of his or her lifetime

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 4311 to read as follows:

S 4311. HEALTH INSURANCE FOR KIDNEY DONORS. ANY PERSON WHO DONATES A KIDNEY AS A LIVE KIDNEY DONOR SHALL BE ELIGIBLE AFTER SUCH DONATION TO RECEIVE HEALTH INSURANCE THROUGH THE HEALTHY NY PROGRAM FOR THE DURATION OF SUCH DONOR'S LIFE. THE STATE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF ALL PREMIUMS IN CONNECTION WITH THE INSURANCE; NEITHER THE DONOR NOR HIS OR HER EMPLOYER SHALL BE LIABLE FOR THE PREMIUMS. INSURANCE PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SERVICES AVAILABLE THROUGH THE HEALTHY NY PROGRAM AND SHALL INCLUDE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all live donor kidney donations made on or after such effective date.

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

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