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Introduced by M. of A. ORTIZ, GALEF -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. SAYWARD -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health -- reported and referred to the Committee on Codes -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law and the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to establishing Lauren's law; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1     Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2     "Lauren's law".  
3     S 2. Subdivision 2 of section 4310 of the public health law, as  
4     amended by chapter 161 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as  
5     follows:  
6     2. Such registration of consent to make an anatomical gift can be made  
7     through (a) indication made on the application or renewal form of a  
8     license, (b) indication made on a non-driver identification card appli-  
9     cation or renewal form, (c) enrolling in the registry website maintained  
10    by the department, which may include using an electronic signature under  
11    regulations of the commissioner and subject to article three of the  
12    state technology law, (d) indication made on a voter registration form  
13    pursuant to subdivision five of section 5-210 of the election law, or  
14    (e) through any other method identified by the commissioner. WHERE  
15    REQUIRED BY LAW, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ENSURE THAT SPACE IS PROVIDED ON  
16    ANY CONSENT APPLICATION SO THAT THE APPLICANT SHALL REGISTER OR DECLINE  
17    REGISTRATION IN THE DONATE LIFE REGISTRY FOR ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATIONS  
18    UNDER THIS SECTION AND THAT THE FOLLOWING IS STATED ON THE APPLICATION  
19    IN CLEAR AND CONSPICUOUS TYPE:  
20    "YOU MUST FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING SECTION: WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ADDED  
21    TO THE DONATE LIFE REGISTRY? CHECK BOX FOR 'YES' OR 'SKIP THIS QUES-  
22    TION'."  
23    THE COMMISSIONER SHALL NOT MAINTAIN RECORDS OF ANY PERSON WHO CHECKS  
24    "SKIP THIS QUESTION". FAILURE TO CHECK A BOX SHALL NOT IMPAIR THE

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

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1 VALIDITY OF AN APPLICATION, AND FAILURE TO CHECK "YES" OR CHECKING "SKIP  
2 THIS QUESTION" SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO IMPLY A WISH NOT TO DONATE. IN  
3 THE CASE OF AN APPLICANT UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, CHECKING "YES"  
4 SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE CONSENT TO MAKE AN ANATOMICAL GIFT OR REGISTRATION  
5 IN THE DONATE LIFE REGISTRY. WHERE AN APPLICANT HAS PREVIOUSLY CONSENTED  
6 TO MAKE AN ANATOMICAL GIFT OR REGISTERED IN THE DONATE LIFE REGISTRY,  
7 CHECKING "SKIP THIS QUESTION" OR FAILING TO CHECK A BOX SHALL NOT IMPAIR  
8 THAT CONSENT OR REGISTRATION. The registration shall take effect upon  
9 the [department sending] PROVISION OF written OR ELECTRONIC notice of  
10 the registration to the person enrolling in the registry. In making  
11 regulations on using an electronic signature for a registration of  
12 consent, the commissioner shall consult with the director of the office  
13 [of] FOR technology.

14 S 3. Subdivision 5 of section 4303 of the public health law, as added  
15 by chapter 466 of the laws of 1970, is amended to read as follows:

16 5. Any gift by a person designated in subdivision two of section four  
17 thousand three hundred one of this article shall be by a document signed  
18 by him OR HER or made by his OR HER telegraphic, recorded telephonic, or  
19 other recorded message. WHERE A GIFT IS MADE UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION,  
20 EITHER: (A) THE DONOR SHALL INDICATE IN THE DOCUMENT OR MESSAGE THAT HE  
21 OR SHE HAS NO ACTUAL NOTICE OF CONTRARY INDICATIONS BY THE DECEDENT AND  
22 NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT AN ANATOMICAL GIFT IS CONTRARY TO THE  
23 DECEDENT'S RELIGIOUS OR MORAL BELIEFS; OR (B) AN AGENT OF THE FEDERALLY  
24 DESIGNATED ORGAN PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATION OR OF THE DONEE SHALL MAKE  
25 REASONABLE EFFORT TO INQUIRE OF THE DONOR OR OTHERWISE DETERMINE THAT  
26 THE DONOR HAS NO ACTUAL NOTICE OF CONTRARY INDICATIONS BY THE DECEDENT  
27 AND NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT AN ANATOMICAL GIFT IS CONTRARY TO THE  
28 DECEDENT'S RELIGIOUS OR MORAL BELIEFS.

29 S 4. Subdivision 2 of section 490 of the vehicle and traffic law, as  
30 amended by chapter 575 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as  
31 follows:

32 2. Application. Any person to whom a driver's license or learner's  
33 permit has not been issued by the commissioner, or whose driver's  
34 license or learner's permit is expired, suspended, revoked or surren-  
35 dered, may make application to the commissioner for the issuance of an  
36 identification card. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ENSURE THAT SPACE IS  
37 PROVIDED ON THE APPLICATION SO THAT THE APPLICANT SHALL REGISTER OR  
38 DECLINE REGISTRATION IN THE DONATE LIFE REGISTRY FOR ORGAN AND TISSUE  
39 DONATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION FORTY-THREE HUNDRED TEN OF THE PUBLIC  
40 HEALTH LAW AND THAT THE FOLLOWING IS STATED ON THE APPLICATION IN CLEAR  
41 AND CONSPICUOUS TYPE:

42 "YOU MUST FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING SECTION: WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ADDED  
43 TO THE DONATE LIFE REGISTRY? CHECK BOX FOR 'YES' OR 'SKIP THIS QUES-  
44 TION'."

45 THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL NOT MAINTAIN  
46 RECORDS OF ANY PERSON WHO CHECKS "SKIP THIS QUESTION". FAILURE TO CHECK  
47 A BOX SHALL NOT IMPAIR THE VALIDITY OF AN APPLICATION, AND FAILURE TO  
48 CHECK "YES" OR CHECKING "SKIP THIS QUESTION" SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO  
49 IMPLY A WISH NOT TO DONATE. IN THE CASE OF AN APPLICANT UNDER EIGHTEEN  
50 YEARS OF AGE, CHECKING "YES" SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE CONSENT TO MAKE AN  
51 ANATOMICAL GIFT OR REGISTRATION IN THE DONATE LIFE REGISTRY. WHERE AN  
52 APPLICANT HAS PREVIOUSLY CONSENTED TO MAKE AN ANATOMICAL GIFT OR REGIS-  
53 TERED IN THE DONATE LIFE REGISTRY, CHECKING "SKIP THIS QUESTION" OR  
54 FAILING TO CHECK A BOX SHALL NOT IMPAIR THAT CONSENT OR REGISTRATION.

1 S 5. Subdivision 1 of section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law, as  
2 amended by section 1 of part D of chapter 58 of the laws of 2012, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 1. Application for license. Application for a driver's license shall  
5 be made to the commissioner. The fee prescribed by law may be submitted  
6 with such application. The applicant shall furnish such proof of identi-  
7 ty, age, and fitness as may be required by the commissioner. The commis-  
8 sioner may also provide that the application procedure shall include the  
9 taking of a photo image or images of the applicant in accordance with  
10 rules and regulations prescribed by the commissioner. In addition, the  
11 commissioner also shall require that the applicant provide his or her  
12 social security number and SHALL provide space on the application so  
13 that the applicant may register in the New York state organ and tissue  
14 donor registry under section forty-three hundred ten of the public  
15 health law[.] WITH THE FOLLOWING STATED ON THE APPLICATION IN CLEAR AND  
16 CONSPICUOUS TYPE:

17 "YOU MUST FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING SECTION: WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ADDED  
18 TO THE DONATE LIFE REGISTRY? CHECK BOX FOR 'YES' OR 'SKIP THIS QUES-  
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26 ANATOMICAL GIFT OR REGISTRATION IN THE DONATE LIFE REGISTRY. WHERE AN  
27 APPLICANT HAS PREVIOUSLY CONSENTED TO MAKE AN ANATOMICAL GIFT OR REGIS-  
28 TERED IN THE DONATE LIFE REGISTRY, CHECKING "SKIP THIS QUESTION" OR  
29 FAILING TO CHECK A BOX SHALL NOT IMPAIR THAT CONSENT OR REGISTRATION. In  
30 addition, an applicant for a commercial driver's license who will oper-  
31 ate a commercial motor vehicle in interstate commerce shall certify that  
32 such applicant meets the requirements to operate a commercial motor  
33 vehicle, as set forth in public law 99-570, title XII, and title 49 of  
34 the code of federal regulations, and all regulations promulgated by the  
35 United States secretary of transportation under the hazardous materials  
36 transportation act. In addition, an applicant for a commercial driver's  
37 license shall submit a medical certificate at such intervals as required  
38 by the federal motor carrier safety improvement act of 1999 and Part  
39 383.71(h) of title 49 of the code of federal regulations relating to  
40 medical certification and in a manner prescribed by the commissioner.  
41 For purposes of this section and sections five hundred three, five  
42 hundred ten-a, and five hundred ten-aa of this title, the terms "medical  
43 certificate" and "medical certification" shall mean a form substantially  
44 in compliance with the form set forth in Part 391.43(h) of title 49 of  
45 the code of federal regulations. Upon a determination that the holder of  
46 a commercial driver's license has made any false statement, with respect  
47 to the application for such license, the commissioner shall revoke such  
48 license.

49 S 6. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a  
50 law; provided that the commissioners of health and motor vehicles may  
51 implement sections two, four and five of this act within their respec-  
52 tive jurisdictions before that date; and provided, further, that the  
53 provisions of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed three years  
54 after such effective date.