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the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to permitting direct
access to laboratory results

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

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section
2 576-d to read as follows:
3 S 576-D. DIRECT PATIENT ACCESS TO LABORATORY RESULTS. A PATIENT WHO IS
4 EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO REQUEST A REPORT
5 OF ANY LABORATORY RESULTS OF TESTS PERFORMED ON SUCH PERSON. NOTHING IN
6 THIS SECTION SHALL AUTHORIZE A CLINICAL LABORATORY TO ENGAGE IN THE
7 PRACTICE OF ANY HEALTH CARE PROFESSION UNDER TITLE EIGHT OF THE EDUCA-
8 TION LAW. THE REPORT ISSUED TO A PERSON PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL
9 CONTAIN A CLEAR STATEMENT, PRESENTED IN A PROMINENT MANNER, TO THE
10 EFFECT THAT THE REPORT SHOULD NOT BE VIEWED AS MEDICAL ADVICE AND IS NOT
11 MEANT TO REPLACE DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH A PHYSICIAN OR OTHER HEALTH
12 CARE PRACTITIONER.
13 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
14 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediate-
15 ly, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation
16 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are
17 authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such
18 effective date.

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

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