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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to sudden, unexpected death in epilepsy

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 4141 of the public health law is  
2     amended by adding a new paragraph (e) to read as follows:  
3     (E) THE MEDICAL CERTIFICATE SHALL INCLUDE A DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER  
4     THE DECEASED SUFFERED A SUDDEN, UNEXPECTED DEATH IN EPILEPSY, IN  
5     ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER.  
6     S 2. Section 4210 of the public health law is amended by adding a new  
7     subdivision 5 to read as follows:  
8     5. EVERY AUTOPSY OF THE BODY OF A DECEASED HUMAN SHALL INCLUDE AN  
9     INVESTIGATION AND DETERMINATIONS AS TO WHETHER THE DECEASED SUFFERED A  
10    SUDDEN, UNEXPECTED DEATH IN EPILEPSY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARDS  
11    ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER. IN THE EVENT THE DECEASED DID SUFFER A  
12    SUDDEN, UNEXPECTED DEATH IN EPILEPSY, SUCH INFORMATION SHALL BE REPORTED  
13    TO THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN THREE BUSINESS DAYS.  
14    S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
15    it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately,  
16    the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation  
17    necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date is  
18    authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such  
19    effective date.

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