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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to authorizing people between the ages of fifteen and seventeen to register to be organ and tissue donors

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 4301 of the public health law, as  
2 amended by chapter 348 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 1. (A) Any individual of sound mind and eighteen years of age or more  
5 may give all or any part of his or her body for any purpose specified in  
6 section forty-three hundred two of this article, the gift to take effect  
7 upon death. In any case where the donor has properly executed an organ  
8 donor card, driver's license authorization to make an anatomical gift,  
9 pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section five hundred  
10 four of the vehicle and traffic law, registered in the New York state  
11 organ and tissue donor registry under section forty-three hundred ten of  
12 this article, or has otherwise given written authorization for organ or  
13 tissue donation, authorization for donation shall not be rescinded by an  
14 objection by a member of any of the classes specified in paragraphs (a)  
15 through (h) of subdivision two of this section, except upon a showing  
16 that the donor revoked the authorization.

17 (B) ANY INDIVIDUAL OF SOUND MIND AND BETWEEN THE AGES OF FIFTEEN AND  
18 SEVENTEEN MAY GIVE ALL OR ANY PART OF HIS OR HER BODY FOR ANY PURPOSE  
19 SPECIFIED IN SECTION FORTY-THREE HUNDRED TWO OF THIS ARTICLE, THE GIFT  
20 TO TAKE EFFECT UPON DEATH; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT EVEN IN ANY CASE  
21 WHERE THE DONOR HAS PROPERLY EXECUTED AN ORGAN DONOR CARD, DRIVER'S  
22 LICENSE AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE AN ANATOMICAL GIFT, PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH  
23 (A) OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION FIVE HUNDRED FOUR OF THE VEHICLE AND  
24 TRAFFIC LAW, OR HAS OTHERWISE GIVEN WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FOR ORGAN OR

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

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1 TISSUE DONATION, THE PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE PERSON OF THE  
2 DECEDENT AT THE TIME OF HIS OR HER DEATH SHALL BE NOTIFIED PRIOR TO THE  
3 REMOVAL OF ANY ORGAN FOR DONATION AND THE AUTHORIZATION FOR DONATION MAY  
4 BE RESCINDED BY A REJECTION BY EITHER PARENT OR THE LEGAL GUARDIAN OF  
5 THE PERSON OF THE DECEDENT AT THE TIME OF HIS OR HER DEATH.

6 S 2. Section 4310 of the public health law is amended by adding a new  
7 subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

8 2-A. AN INDIVIDUAL BETWEEN THE AGES OF FIFTEEN AND SEVENTEEN WHO  
9 CONSENTS TO MAKE AN ANATOMICAL GIFT MAY REGISTER HIS OR HER CONSENT BY  
10 ANY OF THE METHODS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION,  
11 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH REGISTRATION SHALL ALSO REQUIRE A SIGNATURE  
12 BY EITHER PARENT OR THE LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE PERSON REGISTERING HIS OR  
13 HER CONSENT. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A FORM TO BE AVAILABLE IN  
14 SCHOOLS, AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AND AT THE DEPARTMENT  
15 WHICH SHALL ENABLE AN INDIVIDUAL BETWEEN THE AGES OF FIFTEEN AND SEVEN-  
16 TEEN TO REGISTER HIS OR HER CONSENT TO MAKE AN ANATOMICAL GIFT AND WHICH  
17 PROVIDES A SIGNATURE LINE FOR THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, IN ADDITION  
18 TO THE SIGNATURE LINE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL. THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPART-  
19 MENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL ACCEPT SUCH REGISTRATION OF CONSENT BY  
20 MAIL, IN PERSON, OR BY ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION.

21 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.