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Introduced by Sen. HANNON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- recommitted to the Committee on Health in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to ensuring ongoing quality assurance measures for emergency medical and trauma care and autopsy reports on deceased persons treated at trauma centers

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 3066 of the public health law, as  
2     added by chapter 449 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:  
3     4. The department shall develop and periodically revise a comprehensive  
4     emergency medical and trauma care plan with the advice of the state  
5     emergency medical services council, the state emergency medical advisory  
6     committee and the state trauma advisory committee, incorporating injury  
7     control programs AND ONGOING QUALITY ASSURANCE MEASURES for all components  
8     of the trauma system involved in trauma care.  
9     S 2. The section heading of section 4210 of the public health law is  
10    amended and a new subdivision 2-a is added to read as follows:  
11    [Cadavers] DECEASED PERSONS; right to dissect.  
12    2-A. AUTOPSY REPORTS FOR PATIENTS TREATED AT DESIGNATED TRAUMA CENTERS  
13    FOLLOWING INJURY SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE IN A TIMELY MANNER TO THE  
14    REFERRING TRAUMA CENTER. THIS INFORMATION IS REQUIRED BY THE TRAUMA  
15    CENTER IN ORDER TO MEET THE CRITERIA FOR ONGOING PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT  
16    REQUIRED BY THE TRAUMA CENTER VERIFICATION PROCESS. SUCH REPORTS SHALL  
17    BE EXEMPT FROM ALL ACTIONS PURSUANT TO THE CIVIL PRACTICE LAW AND RULES.  
18    S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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