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Introduced by M. of A. GUNTHER, COOK, BLAKE, HOOPER -- Multi-Sponsored  
by -- M. of A. MAGEE -- read once and referred to the Committee on  
Mental Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted  
as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to patients interred  
at state mental health hospital cemeteries

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

1     Section 1.     Section 7.09 of the mental hygiene law is amended by  
2     adding a new subdivision (k) to read as follows:  
3     (K) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, RULE OR REGULATION, ON REQUEST BY A  
4     REPRESENTATIVE OF A CEMETERY ORGANIZATION OR FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT, THE  
5     COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTORS OF OFFICE FACILITIES SHALL RELEASE TO THE  
6     REPRESENTATIVE THE NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, OR DATE OF DEATH OF A PERSON WHO  
7     WAS A PATIENT AT THE FACILITY WHEN THE PERSON DIED, UNLESS THE PERSON OR  
8     THE PERSON'S GUARDIAN PROVIDED WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS TO THE FACILITY NOT  
9     TO RELEASE SUCH PERSON'S NAME OR DATES OF BIRTH AND DEATH. A REPRESENTATIVE  
10    OF A CEMETERY ORGANIZATION OR A FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT MAY USE A  
11    NAME OR DATE RELEASED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
12    INSCRIBING THE NAME OR DATE ON A GRAVE MARKER.  
13    S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
14    it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-  
15    ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-  
16    tation of this act on its effective date is authorized to be made on or  
17    before such date.

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

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