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AN ACT to amend the public health law and the general business law, in
relation to the warranting of medical devices

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

1 Section 1. Section 2803 of the public health law is amended by adding
2 a new subdivision 8-b to read as follows:
3 8-B. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED BY
4 HOSPITALS FOR NOTIFICATION TO PATIENTS WHO RECEIVE MEDICAL DEVICES
5 DURING THE COURSE OF THEIR TREATMENT, THAT SUCH DEVICES ARE WARRANTED
6 FOR A PERIOD OF SEVEN YEARS FOR ELECTRONIC MEDICAL DEVICES AND FOR A
7 PERIOD OF TEN YEARS FOR ALL OTHER MEDICAL DEVICES, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE
8 THIRTY-B OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS LAW.
9 S 2. The general business law is amended by adding a new article 30-B
10 to read as follows:

11 ARTICLE 30-B
12 MEDICAL DEVICE WARRANTY
13 SECTION 645. DEFINITIONS.
14 646. EXPRESS WARRANTY REQUIRED.
15 647. ADDITIONAL REMEDIES OF CONSUMERS.
16 648. PROHIBITION AGAINST WAIVER OF RIGHTS.
17 S 645. DEFINITIONS. WHENEVER USED IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT
18 CLEARLY REQUIRES OTHERWISE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS OR TERMS SHALL HAVE THE
19 FOLLOWING MEANINGS:
20 1. "CONSUMER" MEANS THE PERSON UPON WHICH A MEDICAL DEVICE WAS USED,
21 ATTACHED OR APPLIED, REGARDLESS OF WHO PURCHASED OR ACQUIRED SUCH
22 DEVICE.
23 2. "ELECTRONIC MEDICAL DEVICE" MEANS A MEDICAL DEVICE THAT REQUIRES A
24 BATTERY OR SIMILAR POWER SOURCE TO FUNCTION.

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

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1 3. "MEDICAL DEVICE" MEANS INSTRUMENTS, APPARATUS AND CONTRIVANCES,
2 INCLUDING THEIR PARTS, COMPONENTS AND ACCESSORIES INTENDED FOR THE CURE,
3 MITIGATION, TREATMENT OR PREVENTION OF ANY DISEASE, CONDITION OR INJURY
4 IN HUMANS.

5 4. "INITIAL SELLER" MEANS THE SELLER WHO MANUFACTURED, MODIFIED,
6 REBUILT, IMPROVED OR RECONDITIONED A MEDICAL DEVICE.

7 S 646. EXPRESS WARRANTY REQUIRED. 1. EVERY INITIAL SELLER OF A MEDICAL
8 DEVICE, OTHER THAN AN ELECTRONIC MEDICAL DEVICE, SHALL PROVIDE EACH
9 CONSUMER OF SUCH DEVICE WITH A WARRANTY THAT THE MEDICAL DEVICE IS FIT
10 FOR THE ORDINARY PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH DEVICE IS USED, AND IS FREE
11 FROM DEFECTS FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS AFTER THE MEDICAL DEVICE IS FIRST
12 USED BY, ATTACHED TO OR APPLIED TO THE CONSUMER.

13 2. EVERY INITIAL SELLER OF AN ELECTRONIC MEDICAL DEVICE SHALL PROVIDE
14 EACH CONSUMER OF SUCH DEVICE WITH A WARRANTY THAT THE ELECTRONIC MEDICAL
15 DEVICE IS FIT FOR THE ORDINARY PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH DEVICE IS USED,
16 AND IS FREE FROM DEFECTS FOR A PERIOD OF SEVEN YEARS AFTER THE ELECTRON-
17 IC MEDICAL DEVICE IS FIRST USED BY, ATTACHED TO OR APPLIED TO THE
18 CONSUMER.

19 3. IF A MEDICAL DEVICE FAILS TO CONFORM TO THE WARRANTY REQUIRED BY
20 SUBDIVISION ONE OR TWO OF THIS SECTION, AND THE CONSUMER, OR HIS OR HER
21 AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS SUCH NONCONFORMITY OR DEFECT TO THE
22 INITIAL SELLER OR ITS AGENTS DURING THE TERM OF THE WARRANTY, THE
23 INITIAL SELLER SHALL BE LIABLE FOR ALL COSTS INCURRED BY THE CONSUMER OR
24 HIS OR HER INSURER TO MAKE SUCH REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS AS ARE NECES-
25 SARY TO CORRECT SUCH CONFORMITY OR DEFECT, AND ANY ADDITIONAL MEDICAL
26 AND REHABILITATION CARE NECESSARY AFTER SUCH REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT.

27 S 647. ADDITIONAL REMEDIES OF CONSUMERS. NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL
28 IN ANY WAY LIMIT THE RIGHTS, REMEDIES OR PRIVILEGES WHICH ARE OTHERWISE
29 AVAILABLE TO A CONSUMER AT LAW OR EQUITY.

30 S 648. PROHIBITION AGAINST WAIVER OF RIGHTS. WAIVER OF ANY RIGHTS BY
31 THE CONSUMER UNDER THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE DEEMED CONTRARY TO PUBLIC POLI-
32 CY AND SHALL BE UNENFORCEABLE AND VOID.

33 S 3. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
34 ing the date on which it shall have become a law, and shall apply to
35 medical devices initially used by, attached to or applied to a person on
36 or after such date.