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Introduced by M. of A. ORTIZ, CLARK, PALMESANO, SKOUFIS, GALEF, FAHY, JAFFEE, LUPINACCI, GOODELL -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. TENNEY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health -- reported and referred to the Committee on Codes -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law and the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to authorizing persons 16 years of age or older to make an anatomical gift

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13    tissue donation, authorization for donation shall not be rescinded by an  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 PERSON WHO IS SIXTEEN OR SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND OF SOUND  
18    MIND MAY GIVE ALL OR ANY PART OF HIS OR HER BODY FOR ANY PURPOSE SPECI-  
19    FIED IN SECTION FORTY-THREE HUNDRED TWO OF THIS ARTICLE, THE GIFT TO  
20    TAKE EFFECT UPON DEATH. IN ANY CASE WHERE THE DONOR HAS PROPERLY

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

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1 EXECUTED AN ORGAN DONOR CARD, DRIVER'S LICENSE AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE AN  
2 ANATOMICAL GIFT, PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (A) OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION  
3 FIVE HUNDRED FOUR OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW, OR HAS OTHERWISE GIVEN  
4 WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FOR ORGAN OR TISSUE DONATION, NOTICE OF SUCH GIFT  
5 SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE DONOR'S PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS, AND AUTHOR-  
6 IZATION FOR DONATION MAY BE RESCINDED OR AMENDED BY AN OBJECTION BY A  
7 PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE DONOR AT THE TIME OF DEATH AND PRIOR TO  
8 THE RECOVERY OF ANY ORGAN OR TISSUE IF THE DONOR IS LESS THAN EIGHTEEN  
9 YEARS OF AGE. AN ANATOMICAL GIFT MADE BY AN INDIVIDUAL MORE THAN SIXTEEN  
10 YEARS OF AGE BUT LESS THAN EIGHTEEN SHALL OTHERWISE NOT BE RESCINDED,  
11 EXCEPT UPON A SHOWING THAT THE DONOR REVOKED THE AUTHORIZATION. UPON THE  
12 DONOR REACHING THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN, THE DONOR'S CONSENT TO DONATE HIS OR  
13 HER ORGANS OR TISSUE SHALL BE REGARDED AS CONSENT FOR AUTHORIZATION TO  
14 MAKE AN ANATOMICAL GIFT.

15 S 2. Paragraph (a) and subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (b) of subdivi-  
16 sion 5 of section 4310 of the public health law, as amended by section  
17 27 of part A of chapter 60 of the laws of 2014, are amended to read as  
18 follows:

19 (a) Such organ, eye and tissue registration of consent to make an  
20 anatomical gift can be made through: (i) indication made on the applica-  
21 tion or renewal form of a driver's license, (ii) indication made on a  
22 non-driver identification card application or renewal form, (iii) indi-  
23 cation made on a voter registration form pursuant to subdivision five of  
24 section 5-210 of the election law, (iv) enrollment through the donate  
25 life registry website, (v) paper enrollment submitted to the donate life  
26 registry, or (vi) through any other method identified by the commission-  
27 er. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A MEANS BY WHICH TO REGISTER THE  
28 CONSENT GIVEN BY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SIXTEEN OR SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE  
29 IN THE DONATE LIFE REGISTRY, AND SHALL MAKE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE BY  
30 ANY OF THE METHODS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPHS (I), (II), (III), (IV), (V)  
31 AND (VI) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

32 (ii) The commissioner shall not maintain records of any person who  
33 checks "skip this question". Failure to check a box shall not impair the  
34 validity of an application, and failure to check "yes" or checking "skip  
35 this question" shall not be construed to imply a wish not to donate. In  
36 the case of an applicant under eighteen years of age, checking "yes"  
37 shall not constitute consent to make an anatomical gift or registration  
38 in the donate life registry, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED PURSUANT TO  
39 THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION  
40 FORTY-THREE HUNDRED ONE OF THIS ARTICLE. Where an applicant has previ-  
41 ously consented to make an anatomical gift or registered in the donate  
42 life registry, checking "skip this question" or failing to check a box  
43 shall not impair that consent or registration.

44 S 3. The third undesignated paragraph of subdivision 2 of section 490  
45 of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 465 of the laws of  
46 2012, is amended to read as follows:

47 The commissioner of [the department of] health shall not maintain  
48 records of any person who checks "skip this question". Failure to check  
49 a box shall not impair the validity of an application, and failure to  
50 check "yes" or checking "skip this question" shall not be construed to  
51 imply a wish not to donate. In the case of an applicant under eighteen  
52 years of age, checking "yes" shall not constitute consent to make an  
53 anatomical gift or registration in the donate life registry, EXCEPT AS  
54 OTHERWISE PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBDI-  
55 VISION ONE OF SECTION FORTY-THREE HUNDRED ONE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW.  
56 Where an applicant has previously consented to make an anatomical gift

1 or registered in the donate life registry, checking "skip this question"  
2 or failing to check a box shall not impair that consent or registration.

3 S 4. The third undesignated paragraph of subdivision 1 of section 502  
4 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 465 of the laws of  
5 2012, is amended to read as follows:

6 The commissioner of [the department of] health shall not maintain  
7 records of any person who checks "skip this question". Failure to check  
8 a box shall not impair the validity of an application, and failure to  
9 check "yes" or checking "skip this question" shall not be construed to  
10 imply a wish not to donate. In the case of an applicant under eighteen  
11 years of age, checking "yes" shall not constitute consent to make an  
12 anatomical gift or registration in the donate life registry, EXCEPT AS  
13 OTHERWISE PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBDI-  
14 VISION ONE OF SECTION FORTY-THREE HUNDRED ONE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW.  
15 Where an applicant has previously consented to make an anatomical gift  
16 or registered in the donate life registry, checking "skip this question"  
17 or failing to check a box shall not impair that consent or registration.  
18 In addition, an applicant for a commercial driver's license who will  
19 operate a commercial motor vehicle in interstate commerce shall certify  
20 that such applicant meets the requirements to operate a commercial motor  
21 vehicle, as set forth in public law 99-570, title XII, and title 49 of  
22 the code of federal regulations, and all regulations promulgated by the  
23 United States secretary of transportation under the hazardous materials  
24 transportation act. In addition, an applicant for a commercial driver's  
25 license shall submit a medical certificate at such intervals as required  
26 by the federal motor carrier safety improvement act of 1999 and Part  
27 383.71(h) of title 49 of the code of federal regulations relating to  
28 medical certification and in a manner prescribed by the commissioner.  
29 For purposes of this section and sections five hundred three, five  
30 hundred ten-a, and five hundred ten-aa of this title, the terms "medical  
31 certificate" and "medical certification" shall mean a form substantially  
32 in compliance with the form set forth in Part 391.43(h) of title 49 of  
33 the code of federal regulations. Upon a determination that the holder of  
34 a commercial driver's license has made any false statement, with respect  
35 to the application for such license, the commissioner shall revoke such  
36 license.

37 S 5. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
38 it shall have become a law; provided that the amendments to paragraph  
39 (a) and subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 5 of section  
40 4310 of the public health law, made by section two of this act, shall  
41 not affect the expiration and reversion of such subdivision, and shall  
42 expire therewith; provided, further that the amendments to the third  
43 undesignated paragraph of subdivision 2 of section 490 of the vehicle  
44 and traffic law, made by section three of this act, shall not affect the  
45 expiration and repeal of such paragraph, and shall be deemed repealed  
46 therewith; and provided, further that the amendments to the third undes-  
47 ignated paragraph of subdivision 1 of section 502 of the vehicle and  
48 traffic law, made by section four of this act, shall not affect the  
49 expiration of the amendments to such subdivision by chapter 465 of the  
50 laws of 2012, and shall expire therewith.