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Introduced by Sen. HANNON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to orders not to resuscitate; and to repeal article 29-B of the public health law relating to orders not to resuscitate for residents of mental hygiene facilities

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

1     Section 1. Article 29-B of the public health law is REPEALED.  
2     S 2. Section 2994-b of the public health law is amended by adding a  
3     new subdivision 1-a to read as follows:  
4     1-A. THIS ARTICLE SHALL ALSO APPLY TO DECISIONS REGARDING ORDERS NOT  
5     TO RESUSCITATE FOR A PATIENT WHO LACKS DECISION-MAKING CAPACITY IN A  
6     HOSPITAL AS DEFINED BY SECTION 1.03 OF THE MENTAL HYGIENE LAW.  
7     S 3. Subdivision 5 of section 2994-cc of the public health law, as  
8     added by chapter 8 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:  
9     5. Consent by a patient or a surrogate for a patient [in a mental  
10    hygiene facility shall be governed by article twenty-nine-B of this  
11    chapter] IN A FACILITY OPERATED OR LICENSED BY THE OFFICE OF MENTAL  
12    HEALTH SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THIS ARTICLE. CONSENT BY A PATIENT WHO IS  
13    INTELLECTUALLY OR OTHERWISE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED AND IS ELIGIBLE FOR  
14    LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT DECISION PURSUANT TO SECTION SEVENTEEN HUNDRED  
15    FIFTY-B OF THE SURROGATE'S COURT PROCEDURE ACT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THAT  
16    SECTION.  
17    S 4. Section 2994-ff of the public health law, as added by chapter 8  
18    of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:  
19    S 2994-ff. Interinstitutional transfer. If a patient with a nonhospi-  
20    tal order not to resuscitate is admitted to a hospital, OR IF A HOSPITAL  
21    PATIENT WITH AN ORDER NOT TO RESUSCITATE IS TRANSFERRED FROM A HOSPITAL  
22    TO A DIFFERENT HOSPITAL, the order shall be treated as an order not to  
23    resuscitate for a patient transferred from another hospital, and shall

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

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1 be governed by [article twenty-nine-CC of this chapter, except that any  
2 such order for a patient admitted to a mental hygiene facility shall be  
3 governed by article twenty-nine-B] SECTION TWENTY-NINE HUNDRED  
4 NINETY-FOUR-L of this chapter.  
5 S 5. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
6 have become a law.