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

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to enacting "Peter Falk's law" relating to guardianship duties

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

1     Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Peter Falk's  
2     law".  
3     S 2. Subdivision (a) of section 81.20 of the mental hygiene law is  
4     amended by adding a new paragraph 8 to read as follows:  
5     8. A GUARDIAN SHALL INFORM THE RELATIVES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO  
6     THE CHILDREN, OF AN ELDER OR DEPENDENT INCAPACITATED ADULT WHENEVER THEY  
7     ARE ADMITTED TO A MEDICAL FACILITY FOR ACUTE CARE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE  
8     DAYS OR MORE OR IN THE EVENT OF DEATH. IN THE CASE OF DEATH, THE GUARDI-  
9     AN SHALL INFORM THE RELATIVES OF ANY FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS AND THE  
10    LOCATION OF THE INCAPACITATED PERSON'S FINAL RESTING PLACE.  
11    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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