

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

January 4, 2017

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law and the education law, in relation to establishing a specific protocol regarding religious exemptions to immunizations in schools

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 2164 of the public health law is amended by adding  
2 a new subdivision 10-a to read as follows:

3 10-a. The commissioner shall work in conjunction with the commissioner  
4 of education to establish a protocol with specific criteria for all  
5 children described in subdivision nine of this section to qualify for  
6 the religious vaccination exemption. Prior to an individual being  
7 permitted to submit a request for religious exemption to immunization  
8 form, required under 10 NYCRR 66-1.3(d), such individual must be  
9 approved under such established protocol. Such protocol shall be  
10 created and put into effect prior to the two thousand seventeen--two  
11 thousand eighteen school year.

12 § 2. Section 914 of the education law is amended by adding a new  
13 subdivision 4 to read as follows:

14 4. The commissioner shall work in conjunction with the commissioner of  
15 health to establish a protocol with specific criteria for all children  
16 described in subdivision nine of section twenty-one hundred sixty four  
17 of the public health law to qualify for the religious vaccination  
18 exemption. Prior to an individual being permitted to submit a request  
19 for religious exemption to immunization form, required under 10 NYCRR  
20 66-1.3(d), such individual must be approved under such established  
21 protocol. Such protocol shall be created and put into effect prior to  
22 the two thousand seventeen--two thousand eighteen school year.

23 § 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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