

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

May 10, 2017

Introduced by Sen. AVELLA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Children and Families

AN ACT to amend the general obligations law, in relation to a parent or guardian naming a caregiver as a person in parental relation

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

1 Section 1. Section 5-1551 of the general obligations law, as added by
2 chapter 119 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:
3 § 5-1551. Power of parent to designate a person in parental relation.
4 A parent of a minor or incapacitated person may designate another person
5 as a person in parental relation to such minor or incapacitated person
6 pursuant to sections twenty-one hundred sixty-four and twenty-five
7 hundred four of the public health law and sections two and thirty-two
8 hundred twelve of the education law for a period not exceeding [~~six~~
9 twelve months provided that there is no prior order of any court in any
10 jurisdiction currently in effect that would prohibit such parent from
11 himself or herself exercising the same or similar authority, and
12 provided further, that, in the case where a court has ordered that both
13 parents must agree on education or health decisions regarding the child,
14 a designation pursuant to this subdivision shall not be valid unless
15 both parents have consented thereto. Such designation shall be in the
16 form prescribed by section 5-1552 of this title, and may be presented to
17 any school, health care provider or health plan that requires such
18 designation by either the parent or the designee.
19 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 5-1552 of the general obligations law,
20 as added by chapter 119 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as
21 follows:
22 1. Designations in general. A designation of a person in parental
23 relation pursuant to this title shall be in writing and shall include:
24 the name of the parent, the name of the designee, the name of each minor
25 or incapacitated person with respect to whom such designation is made,

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

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1 the parent's signature, and the date of such signature. The designation
2 may specify a period of time less than [~~six~~] twelve months for which
3 such designation shall be valid unless earlier revoked by such parent
4 pursuant to section 5-1554 of this title, provided that any designation
5 specifying a period of more than thirty days shall also conform to the
6 provisions of subdivision two of this section.

7 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.