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AN ACT to amend the public health law, the education law, the tax law, the vehicle and traffic law, the judiciary law and the executive law, in relation to requiring certain state forms and applications to include space for registering in the "donate life registry" for organ, eye and tissue donations; and to repeal certain provisions of the public health law relating thereto

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 5 of section 4310 of the  
2 public health law, as separately amended by chapters 40 and 248 of the  
3 laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

4 (a) Such organ, eye and tissue registration of consent to make an  
5 anatomical gift can be made through: (i) indication made on the applica-  
6 tion or renewal form of a driver's license, (ii) indication made on a  
7 non-driver identification card application or renewal form, (iii) indi-  
8 cation made on a voter registration form pursuant to subdivision five of  
9 section 5-210 of the election law, (iv) indication made on the applica-  
10 tion for health care coverage offered through the state health benefit  
11 exchange, (v) enrollment through the donate life registry website, (vi)  
12 paper enrollment submitted to the donate life registry, [~~ex~~] (vii) indi-  
13 cation made on application for a certificate, license or registration  
14 issued pursuant to article sixty-one of the education law, (viii) indi-  
15 cation made on an application to practice a profession pursuant to title  
16 eight of the education law, (ix) indication made on a personal income  
17 tax return, (x) indication made on an application for registration or  
18 renewal thereof of a motor vehicle, (xi) indication made on an applica-  
19 tion for admission to practice or on a biennial registration form pursu-  
20 ant to section four hundred sixty-four or four hundred sixty-eight-a of  
21 the judiciary law, (xii) indication made on an application to conduct a

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

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1 profession or occupation which is licensed or registered by the depart-  
2 ment of state, or (xiii) through any other method identified by the  
3 commissioner. The department shall establish a means by which to regis-  
4 ter the consent given by individuals who are sixteen or seventeen years  
5 of age in the donate life registry, and shall make registration avail-  
6 able by any of the methods provided in subparagraphs (i), (ii), (iii),  
7 (iv), (v) ~~[and]~~, (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix), (x), (xi), (xii) and (xiii)  
8 of this paragraph.

9 § 2. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subdivision 5 of section 4310 of the  
10 public health law are REPEALED and a new paragraph (b) is added to read  
11 as follows:

12 (b) Enrollment or amendment or revocation through the donate life  
13 registry website through any of the means listed in this subdivision may  
14 be signed by electronic signature, in accordance with the provisions of  
15 article three of the state technology law, supported by the use of suit-  
16 able mechanisms including unique identifiers to provide confidence in  
17 the identity of the person providing the electronic signature. The  
18 registration shall take effect upon the provision of written or elec-  
19 tronic notice of the registration to the individual enrolling in the  
20 donate life registry.

21 § 3. Paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) of subdivision 5 of section 4310 of  
22 the public health law are relettered paragraphs (c), (d) and (e).

23 § 4. Subdivision 1 of section 206 of the public health law is amended  
24 by adding six new paragraphs (w), (x), (y), (z), (aa) and (bb) to read  
25 as follows:

26 (w) require, in consultation and cooperation with the commissioner of  
27 education, that every individual applying for a certificate, license or  
28 registration issued pursuant to article sixty-one of the education law,  
29 be provided space so that such applicant may register in the "donate  
30 life registry" for organ, eye and tissue donations under section forty-  
31 three hundred ten of this chapter with the following stated in clear  
32 conspicuous type: "Would you like to be added to the Donate Life Regis-  
33 try? Check box for 'yes' or 'skip this question'". The commissioner  
34 shall not maintain records of any person who checks "skip this ques-  
35 tion". Except where the application is made in person or electronically,  
36 failure to check a box shall not impair the validity of an application,  
37 and failure to check "yes" or checking "skip this question" shall not be  
38 construed to imply a wish not to donate. In the case of an applicant  
39 under sixteen years of age, checking "yes" shall not constitute consent  
40 to make an anatomical gift or registration in the donate life registry.  
41 Where an applicant has previously consented to make an anatomical gift  
42 or registered in the donate life registry, checking "skip this question"  
43 or failing to check a box shall not impair that consent or registration.

44 (x) require, in consultation and cooperation with the commissioner of  
45 education, that every individual applying to practice a profession  
46 pursuant to title eight of the education law, be provided space so that  
47 such applicant may register in the "donate life registry" for organ, eye  
48 and tissue donations under section forty-three hundred ten of this chap-  
49 ter with the following stated in clear conspicuous type: "Would you like  
50 to be added to the Donate Life Registry? Check box for 'yes' or 'skip  
51 this question'". The commissioner shall not maintain records of any  
52 person who checks "skip this question". Except where the application is  
53 made in person or electronically, failure to check a box shall not  
54 impair the validity of an application, and failure to check "yes" or  
55 checking "skip this question" shall not be construed to imply a wish not  
56 to donate. In the case of an applicant under sixteen years of age,

checking "yes" shall not constitute consent to make an anatomical gift or registration in the donate life registry. Where an applicant has previously consented to make an anatomical gift or registered in the donate life registry, checking "skip this question" or failing to check a box shall not impair that consent or registration.

(y) require, in consultation and cooperation with the department of taxation and finance, that every individual filing a personal income tax return be provided space so that such applicant may register in the "donate life registry" for organ, eye and tissue donations under section forty-three hundred ten of this chapter with the following stated in clear conspicuous type: "Would you like to be added to the Donate Life Registry? Check box for 'yes' or 'skip this question'". The commissioner shall not maintain records of any person who checks "skip this question". Except where the application is made in person or electronically, failure to check a box shall not impair the validity of an application, and failure to check "yes" or checking "skip this question" shall not be construed to imply a wish not to donate. In the case of an applicant under sixteen years of age, checking "yes" shall not constitute consent to make an anatomical gift or registration in the donate life registry. Where an applicant has previously consented to make an anatomical gift or registered in the donate life registry, checking "skip this question" or failing to check a box shall not impair that consent or registration.

(z) require, in consultation and cooperation with the commissioner of motor vehicles, that every individual applying for a registration or renewal thereof of a motor vehicle be provided space so that such applicant may register in the "donate life registry" for organ, eye and tissue donations under section forty-three hundred ten of this chapter with the following stated in clear conspicuous type: "Would you like to be added to the Donate Life Registry? Check box for 'yes' or 'skip this question'". The commissioner shall not maintain records of any person who checks "skip this question". Except where the application is made in person or electronically, failure to check a box shall not impair the validity of an application, and failure to check "yes" or checking "skip this question" shall not be construed to imply a wish not to donate. In the case of an applicant under sixteen years of age, checking "yes" shall not constitute consent to make an anatomical gift or registration in the donate life registry. Where an applicant has previously consented to make an anatomical gift or registered in the donate life registry, checking "skip this question" or failing to check a box shall not impair that consent or registration.

(aa) require, in consultation and cooperation with the state board of law examiners, that every individual applying for admission to practice or on a biennial registration form pursuant to section four hundred sixty-four or four hundred sixty-eight-a of the judiciary law, be provided space so that such applicant may register in the "donate life registry" for organ, eye and tissue donations under section forty-three hundred ten of this chapter with the following stated in clear conspicuous type: "Would you like to be added to the Donate Life Registry? Check box for 'yes' or 'skip this question'". The commissioner shall not maintain records of any person who checks "skip this question". Except where the application is made in person or electronically, failure to check a box shall not impair the validity of an application, and failure to check "yes" or checking "skip this question" shall not be construed to imply a wish not to donate. In the case of an applicant under sixteen years of age, checking "yes" shall not constitute consent to make an anatomical gift or registration in the donate life registry. Where an

1 applicant has previously consented to make an anatomical gift or regis-  
2 tered in the donate life registry, checking "skip this question" or  
3 failing to check a box shall not impair that consent or registration.

4 (bb) require, in consultation and cooperation with the secretary of  
5 state, that every individual applying to conduct a profession or occupa-  
6 tion which is licensed or registered by the department of state be  
7 provided space so that such applicant may register in the "donate life  
8 registry" for organ, eye and tissue donations under section forty-three  
9 hundred ten of this chapter with the following stated in clear conspicu-  
10 ous type: "Would you like to be added to the Donate Life Registry? Check  
11 box for 'yes' or 'skip this question'". The commissioner shall not main-  
12 tain records of any person who checks "skip this question". Except where  
13 the application is made in person or electronically, failure to check a  
14 box shall not impair the validity of an application, and failure to  
15 check "yes" or checking "skip this question" shall not be construed to  
16 imply a wish not to donate. In the case of an applicant under sixteen  
17 years of age, checking "yes" shall not constitute consent to make an  
18 anatomical gift or registration in the donate life registry. Where an  
19 applicant has previously consented to make an anatomical gift or regis-  
20 tered in the donate life registry, checking "skip this question" or  
21 failing to check a box shall not impair that consent or registration.

22 § 5. Section 3006 of the education law is amended by adding a new  
23 subdivision 4 to read as follows:

24 4. Organ, eye and tissue donation. The commissioner shall provide on  
25 each application for a certificate, license or registration issued  
26 pursuant to this article, and each renewal thereof, space for the appli-  
27 cant to register in the "donate life registry" for organ, eye and tissue  
28 donations established pursuant to section forty-three hundred ten of the  
29 public health law with the following stated on the application in clear  
30 and conspicuous type: "Would you like to be added to the Donate Life  
31 Registry? Check box for 'yes' or 'skip this question'". The regents  
32 shall not maintain records of any person who checks "skip this ques-  
33 tion". Failure to check "yes" or checking "skip this question" shall not  
34 be construed to imply a wish not to donate. In the case of an applicant  
35 under sixteen years of age, checking "yes" shall not constitute consent  
36 to make an anatomical gift or registration in the donate life registry.  
37 Provided, that where an applicant has previously consented to make an  
38 anatomical gift or registered in the "donate life registry", failing to  
39 check a box shall not impair such consent or registration.

40 § 6. Section 6501 of the education law is amended by adding a new  
41 subdivision 3 to read as follows:

42 3. The regents shall provide, on each application to practice a  
43 profession pursuant to this title and each application for renewal of a  
44 license, registration or certification to practice such a profession,  
45 space for the applicant to register in the "donate life registry" of  
46 organ, eye and tissue donations established pursuant to section forty-  
47 three hundred ten of the public health law with the following stated on  
48 the application in clear and conspicuous type: "Would you like to be  
49 added to the Donate Life Registry? Check box for 'yes' or 'skip this  
50 question'". The regents shall not maintain records of any person who  
51 checks "skip this question". Failure to check "yes" or checking "skip  
52 this question" shall not be construed to imply a wish not to donate. In  
53 the case of an applicant under sixteen years of age, checking "yes"  
54 shall not constitute consent to make an anatomical gift or registration  
55 in the donate life registry. Provided, that where an applicant has  
56 previously consented to make an anatomical gift or registered in the

1 "donate life registry", failing to check a box shall not impair such  
2 consent or registration.

3 § 7. Section 651 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subsection  
4 (a-1) to read as follows:

5 (a-1) Organ, eye and tissue donation. The commissioner shall provide  
6 on each return space for the taxpayer or taxpayers to register in the  
7 "donate life registry" for organ, eye and tissue donations established  
8 pursuant to section forty-three hundred ten of the public health law  
9 with the following stated on the application in clear and conspicuous  
10 type: "Would you like to be added to the Donate Life Registry? Check box  
11 for 'yes' or 'skip this question'". The commissioner shall not maintain  
12 records of any person who checks "skip this question". Failure to check  
13 "yes" or checking "skip this question" shall not be construed to imply a  
14 wish not to donate. In the case of an applicant under sixteen years of  
15 age, checking "yes" shall not constitute consent to make an anatomical  
16 gift or registration in the donate life registry. Provided, that where a  
17 taxpayer has previously consented to make an anatomical gift or regis-  
18 tered in the "donate life registry", failing to check a box shall not  
19 impair such consent or registration.

20 § 8. Paragraph b of subdivision 1 of section 401 of the vehicle and  
21 traffic law is amended by adding a new closing paragraph to read as  
22 follows:

23 The commissioner shall provide on each application for registration  
24 and renewal thereof space for the motor vehicle owner to register in the  
25 "donate life registry" for organ, eye and tissue donations established  
26 pursuant to section forty-three hundred ten of the public health law  
27 with the following stated on the application in clear and conspicuous  
28 type: "Would you like to be added to the Donate Life Registry? Check box  
29 for 'yes' or 'skip this question'". The commissioner shall not maintain  
30 records of any person who checks "skip this question". Failure to check  
31 "yes" or checking "skip this question" shall not be construed to imply a  
32 wish not to donate. In the case of an applicant under sixteen years of  
33 age, checking "yes" shall not constitute consent to make an anatomical  
34 gift or registration in the donate life registry. Provided, that where a  
35 motor vehicle owner has previously consented to make an anatomical gift  
36 or registered in the "donate life registry", failing to check a box  
37 shall not impair such consent or registration.

38 § 9. Section 464 of the judiciary law is amended by adding a new clos-  
39 ing paragraph to read as follows:

40 The chief administrator of the courts shall provide on each applica-  
41 tion for admission to practice, space for the applicant to register in  
42 the "donate life registry" for organ, eye and tissue donations estab-  
43 lished pursuant to section forty-three hundred ten of the public health  
44 law with the following stated on the application in clear and conspicu-  
45 ous type: "Would you like to be added to the Donate Life Registry? Check  
46 box for 'yes' or 'skip this question'". The chief administrator of the  
47 courts shall not maintain records of any person who checks "skip this  
48 question". Failure to check "yes" or checking "skip this question"  
49 shall not be construed to imply a wish not to donate. In the case of an  
50 applicant under sixteen years of age, checking "yes" shall not consti-  
51 tute consent to make an anatomical gift or registration in the donate  
52 life registry. Provided, that where an applicant has previously  
53 consented to make an anatomical gift or registered in the "donate life  
54 registry", failing to check a box shall not impair such consent or  
55 registration.



1     § 10. Section 468-a of the judiciary law is amended by adding a new  
2 subdivision 4-a to read as follows:

3     4-a. The chief administrator shall provide on each biennial registra-  
4 tion form space for the attorney to register in the "donate life regis-  
5 try" for organ, eye and tissue donations established pursuant to section  
6 forty-three hundred ten of the public health law with the following  
7 stated on the application in clear and conspicuous type: "Would you like  
8 to be added to the Donate Life Registry? Check box for 'yes' or 'skip  
9 this question'". The chief administrator shall not maintain records of  
10 any person who checks "skip this question". Failure to check "yes" or  
11 checking "skip this question" shall not be construed to imply a wish not  
12 to donate. In the case of an applicant under sixteen years of age,  
13 checking "yes" shall not constitute consent to make an anatomical gift  
14 or registration in the donate life registry. Provided, that where an  
15 attorney has previously consented to make an anatomical gift or regis-  
16 tered in the "donate life registry", failing to check a box shall not  
17 impair such consent or registration.

18     § 11. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 91-a to  
19 read as follows:

20     § 91-a. Organ, eye and tissue donation. The secretary shall provide  
21 on each application to conduct a profession or occupation which is  
22 licensed or registered by the department, and each renewal thereof,  
23 space for the applicant to register in the "donate life registry" for  
24 organ, eye and tissue donations established pursuant to section forty-  
25 three hundred ten of the public health law with the following stated on  
26 the application in clear and conspicuous type: "Would you like to be  
27 added to the Donate Life Registry? Check box for 'yes' or 'skip this  
28 question'". The secretary shall not maintain records of any person who  
29 checks "skip this question". Failure to check "yes" or checking "skip  
30 this question" shall not be construed to imply a wish not to donate. In  
31 the case of an applicant under sixteen years of age, checking "yes"  
32 shall not constitute consent to make an anatomical gift or registration  
33 in the donate life registry. Provided, that where an applicant has  
34 previously consented to make an anatomical gift or registered in the  
35 "donate life registry", failing to check a box shall not impair such  
36 consent or registration.

37     § 12. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-  
38 ing the date on which it shall have become a law; provided, however,  
39 that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any  
40 rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its  
41 effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on  
42 or before such effective date.