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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. BARCLAY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to designating an individual to be notified in the case of dose or brand change for psychotropic medication

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

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 2803-c of the public health law is amended by adding a new paragraph r to read as follows:

r. (i) Pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner, every patient shall have the right to designate an individual to be notified in the event that the facility reduces the dose or changes the brand or form of the patient's psychotropic medication. Such notification shall include a warning listing possible side effects and drug interactions, including side effects upon discontinuation of such drugs. Notification shall be made in writing, and shall not be effective until receipt of the written consent of the designated individual. In the case of a gradual dose reduction, a designee shall check a box acknowledging such designee has been given a copy of the rights pertaining to gradual dose reductions.

(ii) For the purposes of this paragraph, "psychotropic medication" means a medication that is administered for the purpose of affecting brain activities associated with mental processes and behavior, including, but not limited to, anti-psychotics, anti-depressants, anxiolytics, sedatives and hypnotics.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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