

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to including pain management medications on a death certificate where a death is caused by an opioid overdose

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 4 of section 4141 of the  
2 public health law, as amended by chapter 443 of the laws of 2019, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (d) Where a death is caused by an opioid overdose, such information  
5 shall be indicated on the certificate, including, if known to the person  
6 completing the death certificate, the specific opioid that caused the  
7 death of the decedent and any other pain management medications, includ-  
8 ing but not limited to gabapentin, that the decedent was prescribed,  
9 along with any other related information as the commissioner may  
10 require.

11 § 2. 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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