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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring the department of health to develop and disseminate information regarding bone marrow donor programs and authorizing physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners to provide such information to patients

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

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 4369 to read as follows:

§ 4369. Bone marrow registry information. 1. The commissioner, with the assistance of the transplant council, shall develop and make available information regarding bone marrow donation and registries, including but not limited to the National Marrow Donor Program "Be The Match Registry" registry and The Bone Marrow Foundation. Such information shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) the need for bone marrow donations;

(b) patient populations that would benefit from bone marrow donations;

(c) how to join the bone marrow registry; and

(d) how to acquire a free buccal swab kit from a bone marrow registry.

2. The information required by this section shall be made available to the public by the commissioner on the department's website and through other means determined by the commissioner. The information shall also be provided by the commissioner to physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners providing primary care for dissemination under subdivision three of this section.

3. Each physician, physician assistant and nurse practitioner providing primary care may inquire of new patients who are eighteen years of age or older and under forty-five years of age on their new patient intake form as to whether the patient is registered with the bone marrow

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

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registry. If the patient states that he or she is not registered with the bone marrow registry, the physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner providing primary care shall provide information developed and disseminated by the department regarding the bone marrow registry to the patient.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date upon which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such date.