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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. EPSTEIN, SEAWRIGHT, SAYEGH, McDONOUGH, ASHBY, GOTTFRIED -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to information provided to patients regarding sudden unexpected death in epilepsy

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 2995 of the public health law is  
2 amended by adding two new paragraphs (f) and (g) to read as follows:

3 (f) "Health care practitioner" shall mean a physician, nurse practi-  
4 tioner, or physician assistant licensed or certified pursuant to title  
5 eight of the education law.

6 (g) "Sudden unexpected death in epilepsy" shall mean sudden, unex-  
7 pected death in patients with epilepsy, with or without evidence of a  
8 seizure.

9 § 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2997-f-1  
10 to read as follows:

11 § 2997-f-1. Provision of information relating to sudden unexpected  
12 death in epilepsy. 1. Any health care practitioner who is treating a  
13 patient for epilepsy, who has primary responsibility for the treatment  
14 and care of the patient, shall provide such patient with the following  
15 written information:

16 (a) current and evidence-based information about sudden unexpected  
17 death in epilepsy risk factors and conditions that has been reviewed by  
18 one or more accredited medical experts and national epilepsy organiza-  
19 tions; and

20 (b) contact information for nonprofit organizations that provide  
21 information and support services for epilepsy conditions.

22 2.(a) The commissioner shall provide written information to health  
23 care practitioners necessary to implement subdivision one of this  
24 section, and shall post such information on the department's website.

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

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1     (b) The commissioner shall ensure that such information is culturally  
2     and linguistically appropriate for all recipients.

3     (c) Any local or national organization that provides education or  
4     services related to epilepsy conditions may request that the commission-  
5     er include such organization's informational material and contact infor-  
6     mation on the department's website. Once such a request is made, the  
7     commissioner may add the information to the department's website at his  
8     or her discretion.

9     § 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
10  have become a law.