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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. WIEDER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- again reported from said committee with amendments, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the handling of certain unclaimed remains

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 4211-a to read as follows:

§ 4211-a. Unclaimed human remains. No unclaimed human remains shall be buried, cremated, or otherwise finally disposed of unless such remains have first been entered into the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, or any successor database, in accordance with applicable procedures.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth 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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