



New York State YMCA
Youth And Government

WWW.YMCANYS.ORG

FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Committee Assignment: Senate Freedom 4

Bill #:SF-30

1 **Sponsors:** Mitchell Higgins, Hunter Rosario

2 **An Act To**

3 Amend § 504 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law to require the identification of particular
4 allergies on one's license.

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

6 **Purpose**

7 Requires individuals to have their allergies on their driver's license in New York
8 State

9 **Summary of Provisions**

10 **Section 1: Definitions**

11 **Allergy: A damaging immune response by the body to a substance called an**
12 **"allergen"**

13 **Section 2**

14 1. (a) Every license or renewal thereof shall contain a distinguishing mark and
15 adequate space upon which an anatomical gift, pursuant to section forty-three
16 hundred ten of the public health law, by the licensee shall be recorded and shall
17 contain such other information and shall be issued in such form as the
18 commissioner shall determine; provided, however, every license or renewal thereof
19 issued to a person under the age of twenty-one years shall have prominently
20 imprinted upon it the statement "UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE" in notably distinctive
21 print or format; provided further, however, every license or renewal thereof issued
22 to a person making an anatomical gift shall have prominently printed upon the front
23 of such license or renewal thereof the statement "ORGAN DONOR" in notably
24 distinctive print or format. The commissioner shall not require fees for the issuance
25 of such licenses or renewals thereof to persons under twenty-one years of age or to
26 persons making an anatomical gift which are different from the fees required for
27 the issuance of licenses or renewals thereof to persons twenty-one years of age or
28 over or to persons not making an anatomical gift.

29 **(b) The identification of particular allergies on one's license shall be indicated.**
30 **Medical documentation shall be required to have these on one's license.**

31 **Justification**

32 In many cases, the symptoms of an allergic reaction is the swelling of the throat,
33 depriving the person having the reaction the ability to speak or breathe. When the
34 Emergency medical services arrive, they have to ask questions that the patient may
35 not be physically able to answer, due to the swelling of their throats or the
36 immense pain and discomfort that is caused by an allergic reaction.

37 **Fiscal Implications**

38 This will not affect the cost of a license, which is \$102.00.

39 **Environmental Implications**

40 There are no environmental implications.

41 **Effective Date**

42 This bill will go into effect one year after passage.