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"Encouraging organ and tissue donation is one of the most important life-saving actions that we can take in New York State," said State Senator Tom O'Mara (R,C,I-Big Flats) following [today's announcement](#) that Governor Andrew Cuomo has signed into law legislation O'Mara co-sponsored this session authorizing 16 and 17 year olds to decide to make organ donations upon their death.

Today's action comes following a new law signed by the governor earlier this year -- a measure O'Mara also co-sponsored -- to extend New York's landmark organ donation initiative known as "Lauren's Law" for four additional years. Read more on that action [HERE](#).

Read the Senator's column on organ donation, ["This law deserves four more years"](#)

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Read more from the [New York State Department of Health](#) and the [New York State Department of Motor Vehicles](#).

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