

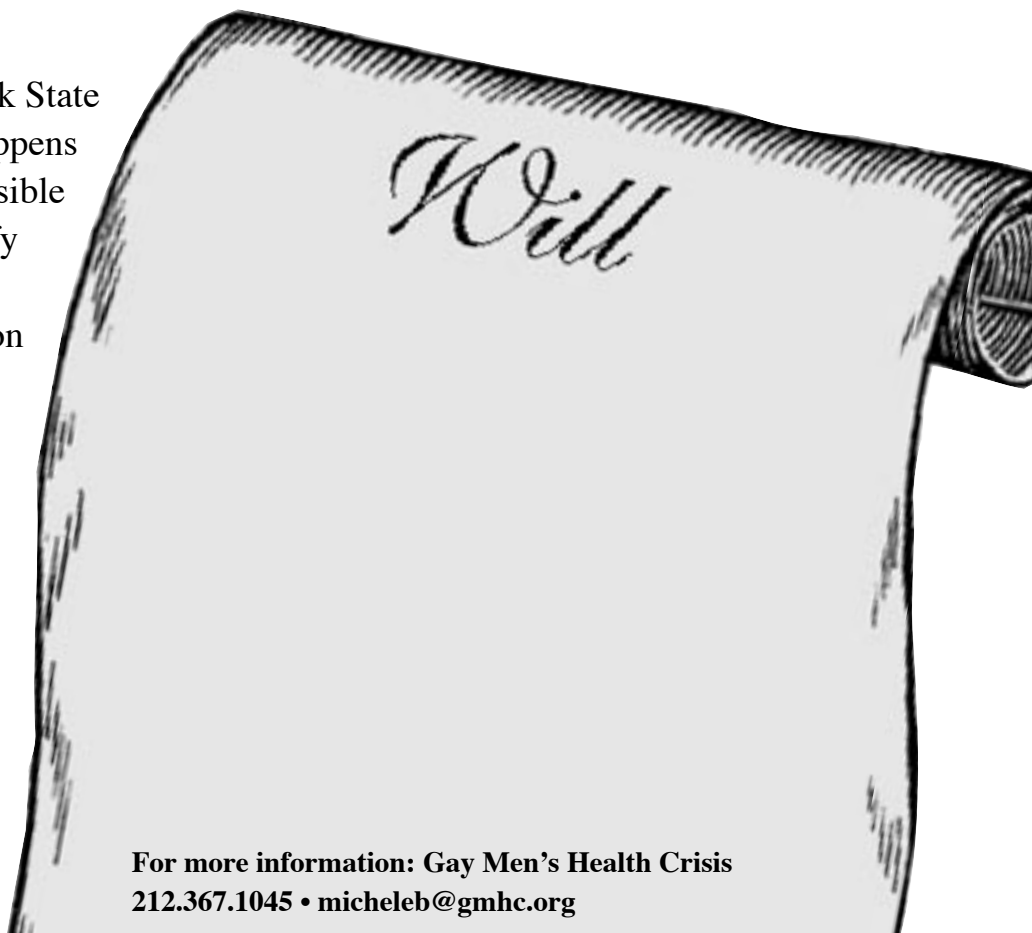
Where there's a will there's a way, right? Not when it comes to your bodily remains.

Pass the **Disposition of Remains Bill - S.1924 (Balboni)/A.1238 (Dinowitz)**

Most people think having a will is enough to ensure their wishes are carried out. After all, a will allows you to disperse your property after death, and a health care proxy allows someone to make medical decisions for you – a proxy can even donate your body to science.

But most people are wrong – a critical gap in New York State law means you don't have the right to control what happens to your body after death or to appoint someone responsible for carrying out your wishes. Although you can specify your wishes in a will, this has no practical effect since wills are generally not probated until long after a person has died.

This bill addresses the ambiguity in current law by establishing a simple proxy form authorizing the appointment of an agent who can carry out special directions, and by creating a priority list for individuals who have not designated a proxy. This list clearly establishes who has the legal right and responsibility to control an individual's remains. This bill represents a **common sense solution** to a devastating and all too frequent problem.



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