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Abandoned Property Law: Escheat of Real Property	206(b)	Petition for release of escheated lands	Surviving husband, widow, stepfather, stepmother or adopted child of the person whose interest has so escheated may petition for the release of the escheated land.
Abandoned Property Law: Escheat of Real Property	208(2)	Release	A conveyance so made to any such person who is a parent, child, surviving husband shall be without consideration in certain circumstances.
Alcoholic Beverage Control: Bottle Clubs	49.13	Application in Part	Term "licensee" also applies to the spouses of an individual licensee, each member of a partnership licensee, each officer, director, and substantial stockholder of a corporate licensee.
Arts and Cultural Affairs Law: Child Performers and Models	35.03	Judicial approval of certain contracts for services of infants; effect of approval; guardianship of savings	Spouse of infant has an interest in contracts infant enters into.
Banking Law: Banks & Trust Companies	108(5-a).	Rates of interest; installment obligations; personal loan departments	Loans may be made, secured by mobile home chattel paper, to finance the purchase of a mobile home located at the time of purchase or to be located within 90 days at a semi-permanent site in NY or a contiguous state and to be used as the home of the borrower, the borrower's spouse, child, grandchild, parent, or grandparent.
Banking Law: Foreign Banking Corporations and National Banks	202(5-a)	Rates of interest; installment obligations; personal loan departments; effect of usury	A foreign banking corporation may make loans secured by mobile home chattel paper evidencing a monetary obligation incurred to finance the purchase of a mobile home located at the time of purchase or to be located within 90 days at a semi-permanent site within the state or a contiguous state and to be used as the home of the borrower, the borrower's spouse, child, grandchild, parent, or grandparent.
Banking Law: Savings Banks	235(8)(c)	Investment of Funds	A savings bank can invest in promissory notes secured by mobile home chattel evincing a monetary obligation to purchase such a home and to be maintained as the home of the borrower, the borrower's spouse, child, grandchild, parent, or grandparent.
Banking Law: Savings Banks	235(8)(c)(6)	Investment of Funds	Borrower must certify that the mobile home will be used pursuant to the statute (e.g., by the borrower's spouse).
Banking Law: Savings and Loan Associations	266	Limit of insurance	Life insurance is payable under an agreement to waive certain future premiums under a policy issued on the life of a minor or on the life of the spouse of the payer upon the death of the payer of such premiums.
Banking Law: Insurance	357(7)	Insurance	If the borrowers on any loan are husband and wife, joint credit life insurance and joint credit accident and health insurance may be issued on such loan pursuant to this section.
Banking Law: Savings and Loan Associations	380(2)(d)	Power to make loans	A savings and loan association may lend its funds to its members upon their notes representing loans secured by mobile home chattel evincing a monetary obligation to purchase such a home and to be maintained as the home of the borrower, the borrower's spouse, child, grandchild, parent, or grandparent.
Banking Law: Credit Unions	451	Proposed bylaws	Immediate family means a person's spouse, and their lineal ancestors and descendants; household means persons living in the same residence and maintaining a single economic unit.

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Benevolent Orders Law: General Provisions	7	Joint corporations	International Veterans Boxers Association: May form a corporation for the purpose of building a facility or home for aged and indigent members and their dependent surviving spouses and orphans.
Civil Practice Law and Rules: Infants, Incompetents and Conservatees	1201	Representation of infant, incompetent person, or conservatee	Provisions for representation of an infant when an infant is married, an adult spouse may represent.
Civil Practice Law and Rules: Evidence	4502(a)	Spouse	A husband or wife is not competent to testify against the other in an action founded upon adultery, except to prove the marriage, disprove the adultery, or disprove a defense.
Civil Practice Law and Rules: Evidence	4502(b)	Spouse	Provides a spousal privilege where one spouse is not required to disclose confidential communications made by the other spouse during the marriage.
Civil Practice Law and Rules: Enforcement of Money Judgments	5205	Personal property exempt from application to the satisfaction of money judgments	Exemption for payments pursuant to an award in a matrimonial action, for the support of a wife, where the wife is the judgment debtor; other spousal exemptions.
Civil Practice Law and Rules: Enforcement of Money Judgments	5206	Real property exempt from application to the satisfaction of money judgments	The homestead exemption continues after the death of the person in whose favor the property was exempted for the benefit of the surviving spouse and surviving children until the majority of the youngest surviving child and the death of the surviving spouse.
Civil Practice Law and Rules: Enforcement of Money Judgments	5241	Income execution for support enforcement	"Order of support" means any order incorporated by reference in a matrimonial action which directs the payment of alimony, maintenance, support or child support; provisions for deduction of income when a debtor is currently supporting a spouse.
Civil Practice Law and Rules: Enforcement of Money Judgments	5241	Income deduction order for support enforcement	Provisions for an income deduction order.
Civil Practice Law and Rules: Health Care Arbitration	7551	Applicability	Provisions of article apply to all claims for damages because of injury or death resulting from health care or treatment rendered or failed to be rendered to enrollees and other covered family members.
Civil Rights Law: Change of Name	65	Optional change of name upon marriage, divorce or annulment	The state cannot impose a fee relating to the change of name as a result of marital status.
Civil Service Law: State Health Insurance Plan	73.1	Definitions	The term dependent shall include the spouse of an employee or retired employee.
Civil Service Law: State Health Insurance Plan	73.2	Employees	Coordination of benefits when both husband and wife elect coverage under the plan as employees (as defined in section 73.1 of this Part); provisions for the continuation of health benefits for surviving spouse and/or dependents upon the death of an employee or retired employee.
Civil Service Law: State Health Insurance Plan	73.3	Charges and contributions	Dependents of certain deceased State correction officers or civilian employees of a correctional facility shall have their health care coverage paid in full by the State.
Civil Service Law: State Dental Insurance Plan	74.1	Definitions	The term dependent shall include the spouse of an employee.

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Civil Service Law: State Dental Insurance Plan	74.2	Employees	Coordination of benefits when both husband and wife elect coverage under the plan as employees (as defined in section 74.1 of this Part).
Civil Service Law: State Dental Insurance Plan	74.3	Contributions	The rate of contribution for the State on account of the coverage of its employees and their dependents shall be 100 percent of the charge on account of individual coverage and 100 percent of charge on account of dependent coverage.
Civil Service Law: Term Life Insurance	75.2	Employees	In the event both husband and wife are covered under the plan as employees of retirees or both, they both shall be eligible for coverage as dependents.
Civil Service Law: Special Rights for Veterans and Exempt Volunteer Fireman	85	Additional credit allowed veterans in competitive examinations; preference in retention upon abolition of positions	Retention preferences for certain spouses of veterans.
Civil Service Law: Miscellaneous Provisions	154-b	Agreements between state and employee organization	Provisions under which benefits will be paid to employee's surviving spouse and children.
Civil Service Law: Miscellaneous Provisions	154-c	Managerial or confidential survivor's benefit; special education fund	Provisions under which benefits will be paid to employee's surviving spouse and children.
Civil Service Law: Health Insurance for State and Retired State Employees	163	Eligibility for benefits	Consideration of spouses in eligibility for benefits.
Civil Service Law: Health Insurance for State and Retired State Employees	164	Coverage for dependents	Each employee shall be entitled to have his spouse included in coverage.
Civil Service Law: Health Insurance for State and Retired State Employees	165	Termination of active employment	Upon death of the covered employee, unremarried spouses may continue health insurance coverage.
Civil Service Law: Health Insurance for State and Retired State Employees	165-a	Continuation of state health insurance plans for survivors of employees of the state and/or a political subdivision or of a public authority	Provisions for continued health insurance coverage of unremarried surviving spouse.
Civil Service Law: Health Insurance for State and Retired State Employees	167	Contributions	Benefits for dependents of employees with regard to health insurance.
Civil Service Law: Health Insurance for State and Retired State Employees	167-a	Reimbursement for Medicare premium charges	Spouse eligible for reimbursement for supplementary medical insurance benefits.
Civil Service Law: Long Term Care Insurance for State and Retired State Employees	172	Long term care insurance	Establishes a long term care insurance plan for state employees and spouses.
Correction Law: Management of Correctional Facilities	113	Absence of inmate for funeral and deathbed visits or to report at an induction center for preinduction examination authorized	Commissioner of correctional facility may permit inmates to visit relatives under certain circumstances.
Correction Law: Labor in Correctional Institutions	189	Disposition of moneys paid to prisoner for his labor.	Commissioner may approve withdrawal of prisoner compensation to aid dependent relatives of the prisoner.

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Correction Law: Provisions Applying generally to the Reformatories in the Department	285	Absence of inmate during last illness and funeral of near relative authorized	Commissioner of correctional facility may permit inmates to visit relatives under certain circumstances.
Correction Law: Care of Property of Person Confined for Life	320	Who may apply for appointment of committee	Whenever any person has been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment in this state for life, husband, wife, relatives, or next of kin or any creditor of such person can apply for the appointment of a committee of such person's estate
Correction Law: Care of Property of Person Confined for Less Than Life	351	Who may apply	A petition for an appointment may be presented to the prisoner's spouse, by child, relative, or next of kin, inter alia.
Correction Law: Care of Property of Person Confined for Less Than Life	359	Prisoner's property; how applied	Trustees may apply surplus money in their hands to the support of the prisoner's spouse and children.
Correction Law: Provisions Relating to Mentally Ill Inmates	402	Commitment of mentally ill inmates	Certificate of examining physician shall be made to wife, husband, parent or relative, and if none are available, to a friend; no petition for hearing or review may be made by anyone other than the person so committed or authorized to be retained or the parent, spouse or child of such person, unless the petitioner first obtains leave upon good cause.
Correction Law: Institutions for the retarded in the department of correction	439	Commitment to an institution for the retarded in the department of correction	Certificate of examining physician shall be made to the spouse, parent or relative and if none are available, to a friend.
Correction Law: Retirement of Employees of the Department of Correction and State Correctional Institutions	470-b	Options	A guard or employee, entitled to a retirement pension under section 470 of this article, or if he is an incompetent, his spouse may elect to receive the actuarial equivalent of his or her pension at retirement.
Correction Law: Retirement of Employees of the Department of Correction and State Correctional Institutions	472	Death or disability benefits	Benefits paid to widow of state correctional employee.
Correction Law: Local Correctional Facilities	509	Absence of inmate for funeral and deathbed visits	Sheriff of local correctional facility may permit inmates to attend the funeral of or visit if death is imminent of relatives under certain circumstances.
Correction Law: The Death Penalty	656	Proceeding when person under sentence of death may be incompetent	Member of immediate family may petition for a waiver of death penalty if inmate is incompetent; only if the inmate does not have contact with immediate family may a bona fide friend make such a petition.
County Law: General Powers of Board of Supervisors	222	Cemeteries	Member of armed forces who was a Rockland County resident may be buried in county cemetery at option of next of kin.
Criminal Procedure Law: Special Proceedings and Miscellaneous Procedures	530.12	Protection for victims of family offenses	Providing protection for victims of domestic violence. (Does not include domestic partners unless they have a child in common.)
Debtor and Creditor Law: Personal Bankruptcy Exemptions	282	Permissible exemptions in bankruptcy	Debtor has a right to receive alimony, support or separate maintenance for the support of the debtor or dependents.
Domestic Relations Law: Solemnization, Proof and Effect of Marriage	10	Marriage a civil contract	"Marriage...continues to be a civil contract"

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Domestic Relations Law: Solemnization, Proof and Effect of Marriage	24	Effect of marriage on legitimacy of children	Child born to parents who have or will enter into, a civil or religious marriage or common-law marriage, where such marriage is recognized as valid under the law, is the legitimate child of both natural parents.
Domestic Relations Law: Certain Rights and Liabilities of Husband and Wife	52	Insurance of married person's life	Married person has the right to insure spouse.
Domestic Relations Law: The Custody and Wages of Children	73	Legitimacy of children born by artificial insemination	Any child born to a married woman by means of artificial insemination performed by persons duly authorized to practice medicine and with the consent in writing of the woman and her husband, shall be deemed the legitimate, natural child of the husband and his wife for all purposes.
Domestic Relations Law: Guardians	81	Appointment of guardians by parent	A married woman is a joint guardian of her children with her husband, with equal powers, rights and duties in regard to them.
Domestic Relations Law: Private-Placement Adoption	115-b	Special provisions relating to consents in private-placement adoptions	A parent having custody of a child whose adoption is sought by his or her spouse need only consent that his or her child be adopted by a named stepfather or stepmother.
Domestic Relations Law: Effect of Adoption from an Authorized Agency, of Private-Placement Adoption, and Abrogations thereof	117	Effect of adoption	Provisions for role of spouse in regards to adoption; the role of marriage in adopting spouse's child.
Domestic Relations Law: Action for Divorce	170-a	Special action	A spouse against whom a decree of divorce has been obtained...may institute an action... to obtain "an amount equivalent to the value of any economic and property rights of which the spouse was deprived"
Domestic Relations Law: Action for Divorce	175	Legitimacy of children	Presumptions of legitimacy of child by divorce proceedings.
Domestic Relations Law: Provisions Applicable to More Than One Type of Matrimonial Action	233	Sequestration of defendant's property in action for divorce, separation or annulment where defendant cannot be personally served	Sequesters defendant's property in action for divorce, separation or annulment when defendant cannot be personally served, allowing property and income to support spouse and children
Domestic Relations Law: Provisions Applicable to More Than One Type of Matrimonial Action	234	Title to or occupancy and possession of property	Court may determine any question as to the title to property in action for divorce, separation or annulment
Domestic Relations Law: Provisions Applicable to More Than One Type of Matrimonial Action	240	Custody and child support; orders of protection	Statute outlines law and procedures regarding determination of custody, awarding of child support payments and issuance of orders of protection
Domestic Relations Law: Provisions Applicable to More Than One Type of Matrimonial Action	240-c	Review and cost of living adjustment of child support orders	Any party to a child support order may request a review for cost of living adjustment
Election Law: General Provisions	5-104	Qualification of voters; residence, gaining or losing	Election board may take marital status and residence of spouse into account when determining voter eligibility.

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Election Law: Registration and Enrollment	5-215	Veterans' absentee registration	Application for absentee ballot may be signed by spouse of veteran.
Election Law: Registration and Enrollment	5-216	Registration; assistance to applicant	Relative may provide registration assistance to applicant.
Election Law: Absentee Voting	8-400	Absentee voting; application for ballot	Spouse accompanying spouse who qualifies for absentee ballot may also vote absentee.
Election Law: Absentee Voting	8-404	Absentee voting; hospitalized veterans, special provisions	Special provisions allowing spouses of hospitalized veterans or veterans with hospitalized relatives to vote absentee.
Election Law: Voting by Members of Armed Forces	10-102	Military voters; definitions	Defines "military voter" to include the spouse of a voter.
Election Law: Voting by Members of Armed Forces	10-106	Military voters; registration and application for ballots	Spouse of military voter can register to vote on or before the tenth day before an election; spouse may request absentee ballot to be sent to military voter serving abroad.
Election Law: Campaign Receipts and Expenditures	14-114	Contribution and receipt limitations	Sets amount that spouse may contribute to spouse's political campaign.
Election Law: Village Elections	15-120	Absentee voting at village elections	Spouse accompanying spouse who qualifies for absentee ballot may also vote absentee.
Election Law: Village Elections	15-122	Absentee voting at village elections for persons unable to appear because of illness or physical disability	Spouse may request absentee ballot.
Employers' Liability Law: Employers' Liability	2	Employers' liability for injuries	Surviving spouse may sue decedent's employer for negligence.
Employers' Liability Law: Employers' Liability	10	Amount of compensation; persons entitled; physical examination	Outlines compensation to be paid to surviving spouse.
Environmental Conservation Law: Fish and Wildlife Management Practices Cooperative Program; Prohibitions; Taking of Fish; Wildlife, Shellfish and Crustacea for Scientific or Propagation Purposes; Destructive Wildlife; rabies Control; Guides; Endangered Species	11-0523	Destructive or menacing wildlife; taking without permit	Immediate family of owners and lessees may take certain wildlife.
Environmental Conservation Law: Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Licenses	11-0707	Exemptions from requirement of hunting, big game, fishing and trapping licenses	Resident owners and lessees and members of their immediate families have the right to certain hunting exemptions.
Environmental Conservation Law: Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Licenses	11-0709	Circumstances in which license under section 11-0701 not required	Immediate family of holder of a farm fish pond license may take fish.
Environmental Conservation Law: Hunting	11-0901	Prohibitions	Some prohibitions contained within section do not apply to certain owners or lessees of a house and members of his or her immediate family.

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Environmental Conservation Law: Propagation; Shooting Preserves; Farm Fish Ponds; Fishing Preserves	11-1911	Farm fish ponds	Member of immediate family of farm fish licensee may take fish.
Environmental Conservation Law: Marine Fisheries	13-0328	Commercial licenses; limited entry	License may be reissued to member of immediate family or the prior holder.
Estates, Powers and Trust Law: Rules Governing Intestate Succession	4-1.1	Descent and distribution of a decedent's estate	Distribution of estate to surviving spouse.
Estates, Powers and Trust Law: Rules Governing Intestate Succession	4-1.2	Inheritance by non-marital children	Surviving spouse of deceased non-marital child has the right to inherit as if the decedent was legitimate.
Estates, Powers and Trust Law: Rights of Surviving Spouse	5-1.1	Right of election by surviving spouse	Surviving spouse has the right to take a share of the decedent's estate.
Estates, Powers and Trust Law: Rights of Surviving Spouse	5-1.1-A	Right of election by surviving spouse	Surviving spouse has the right to take a share of the decedent's estate.
Estates, Powers and Trust Law: Rights of Surviving Spouse	5-1.3	Revocatory effect of marriage after execution of will	Surviving spouse eligible for portion of testator's estate.
Estates, Powers and Trust Law: Rights of Family Unit	5-3.1	Exemption for benefit of family	Exempts certain property from estate of decedent and instead leaves it to surviving spouse.
Estates, Powers and Trust Law: Rights of Family Unit	5-3.4	Action in supreme court by child born after execution of will, by surviving spouse when revocation of will by marriage or by subscribing witness with interest under will	A surviving spouse may bring an action to enforce rights under such sections against testamentary beneficiaries or distributees.
Estates, Powers and Trust Law: Rights of Members of Family Resulting from Wrongful Act, Neglect or Default Causing Death of Decedent	5-4.4	Distribution of damages recovered	Damages recovered shall be distributed to surviving spouse
Estates, Powers and Trust Law: Estates Classified as to Number of Persons	6-2.2	When estate is in common, in joint tenancy or by the entirety	Disposition of real property to a husband and wife creates in them a tenancy by the entirety.
Estates, Powers and Trust Law: Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death	6-6.1	Application	Disposition at death by a married person of all or the proportionate part of any personal property.
Estates, Powers and Trusts Law: Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death	6-6.3	Disposition upon death	Upon the death of a married person, one-half of the property of the decedent is the property of the surviving spouse and is not subject to testamentary disposition by the decedent.
Estates, Powers and Trusts Law: Rights of Purchasers, Creditors and Other Persons	7-3.1	Disposition in trust for creator void as against the existing or subsequent creditors of the creditor	Provision in any trust in regards to medical care for creator or creator's spouse as it relates to New York law.
Executive Law: Division of State Police	214	Establishment of training school	Surviving spouse of state police officer killed in the line of duty shall have a prior and preferred right over other applicants to appointment to police academy.

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Executive Law: Division of State Police	227-a	Death benefits	Outlines compensation to be paid to surviving spouse of a member of the state police.
Executive Law: Veterans' Affairs	353	General functions, powers and duties	Duty to provide seminars 3 times a year to advise veterans and their surviving spouses on obtaining veterans' benefits.
Executive Law: Veterans' Affairs	362	Creation of annuity	Benefits to widows of blind veterans.
Executive Law: Veterans' Affairs	364	Persons who may receive annuity	Benefits to widows of veterans.
Executive Law: Developmental Disabilities Planning Council	450	Developmental disabilities planning council	Provides for a quota for the immediate relatives of those with developmental disabilities.
Executive Law: Program for Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage	547-b	Program eligibility	To qualify, married couples' combined income requirements is less than the requirements for two unmarried individuals living together.
Executive Law: Program for Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage	547-g	Cost-sharing responsibilities of eligible program participants for comprehensive coverage	Benefits better for married couple than for two unmarried individuals living together.
Executive Law: Program for Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage	547-h	Cost-sharing responsibilities of eligible program participants for catastrophic coverage	Benefits better for married individuals than for two unmarried individuals living together.
Executive Law: Crime Victims Board	624	Eligibility	Eligibility for awards for a surviving spouse, grandparent, parent, stepparent, child, or stepchild of a victim of a crime who died as a direct result of the crime.
Executive Law: Crime Victims Board	626	Out-of-pocket loss; definition	Includes the cost of counseling for an eligible spouse, grandparents, parents, stepparents, guardians, brothers, sisters, stepbrothers, stepsisters, children or stepchildren of the homicide victim.
Executive Law: Crime Victims Board	631	Awards	When a police officer or firefighter (paid or volunteer) dies from injuries received in the line of duty as a direct result of a crime, the eligible spouse, parents, brothers, sisters, or children of such victim may be receive an award for the unreimbursed counseling or burial expenses.
Executive Law: Fair Treatment Standards for Crime Victims	641	Objectives of fair treatment standards	Relatives of crime victims are notified about judicial proceedings of the accused.
Executive Law: Adirondack Park Agency	811	Special provisions relating to agency project review jurisdiction and the shoreline restrictions * There is another Section 811 under Article 28	Gifts of land to immediate family members shall be exempt from review.
Executive Law: Division of Criminal Justice Services	840	Functions, powers and duties of council	Investigation as to whether a crime has been committed a member of the victim's household.
Family Court Act: The Fact-Finding Hearing	347.1	Required testing of the respondent in certain proceedings	Redisclosure of confidential HIV related information shall be limited to victim's immediate family, among others.
Family Court Act: Jurisdiction and Duties of Support	412	Married person's duty to support spouse	A married person is chargeable with the support of his or her spouse.



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Family Court Act: Jurisdiction and Duties of Support	413	Parents' duty to support child	Parents have a duty to support children; spouses must pay child support.
Family Court Act: Jurisdiction and Duties of Support	415	Duties to support recipient of public assistance or welfare and patients in institutions in the department of mental hygiene	Spouse must support spouse who is receiving public assistance.
Family Court Act: Jurisdiction and Duties of Support	417	Child of ceremonial marriage	A child born of parents who at any time prior or subsequent to the birth of the child have entered into a ceremonial marriage shall be deemed the legitimate child of both parents for all purposes regardless of the validity of such marriage.
Family Court Act: Venue and Preliminary Procedure	422	Persons who may originate proceedings	A husband, wife, child or relative in need of public assistance or care may originate a proceeding...to compel a person chargeable with the support to support the petitioner as required by law.
Family Court Act: Hearing	438	Counsel fees	Counsel fees can be awarded to spouses.
Family Court Act: Orders	442	Order of support by a spouse	The court can require a spouse to pay to support the other spouse.
Family Court Act: Permanent Termination of Parental Rights, Adoption, Guardianship and Custody	652	Jurisdiction over applications to fix custody in matrimonial actions on referral from supreme court	The court has jurisdiction to determine applications to fix temporary and permanent custody/visitation in proceedings for marital separation, divorce, annulment and dissolution of a marriage.
Family Court Act: Conciliation Proceedings	911	Purpose	Implement section thirteen-c subdivision six of article six of the constitution by making available conciliation procedure for those whose marriage is in trouble.
Family Court Act: Conciliation Proceedings	921	Originating proceeding	Conciliation proceedings are available for spouses whose marriages are in difficulty.
Family Court Act: Child Protective Proceedings	1039-b	Termination of reasonable efforts	Court may grant custody to a fit and willing relative in the event that reasonable efforts to return the child to his or her home are deemed no longer required.
Family Court Act: Child Protective Proceedings	1040	Notice and opportunity to be heard	Rights of foster parent, pre-adoptive parent or relative providing care in the event of permanency hearing.
Family Court Act: Child Protective Proceedings	1052	Disposition on adjudication	At permanency hearing, the Court must determine who should have custody of the child; a relative is one option.
Family Court Act: Child Protective Proceedings	1055	Placement	Statute details court authority for placement of a child with a relative.
Family Court Act: Child Protective Proceedings	1055-a	Status of children freed for adoption; periodic [fig 1] permanency hearings	Pertains to court authority to consider whether child should be placed with a relative when freed for adoption.
General Business Law: Sabbath	10	Prosecutions for conducting business on Sunday by certain persons	Prosecution for conducting business on Sunday, from where employs only himself and members of immediate family.
General Business Law: Peddlers	32(1)	Licenses to veterans of the armed forces of the United States	Allowing veterans and surviving spouses to hawk, peddle, or sell certain goods on streets and highways after getting a license to do so.
General Business Law: Peddlers	35-a(6)(a)	Veterans of the armed forces who vend in cities having a population of one million or more	Upon the death of a disabled veteran who held a license, the license is transferred to the surviving spouse.

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General Business Law: Business of Installing Security or Fire Alarm Systems	69-q(6)	Licenses; display; renewal; duplicates	License to install fire alarms may be used by next of kin after death of licensed individual for prescribed period.
General Business Law: Motor Vehicle Manufacturers	198-b(1)	Sale or lease of used motor vehicles	Consumer includes a spouse of a child of the purchaser or lessee of a car, if the car or the lease is transferred to the spouse or child during the duration of the warranty and thus, the spouse is entitled to the protections of the statute. However, the statute also includes protection for "any other person entitled by the terms of such warranty to enforce the obligations of the warranty."
General Business Law: Franchises for the Sale of Motor Fuels	199-i(2)(a)	Dealers' rights to transfer, assign or dispose of the franchise upon notice to distributor	"Designated successor" is defined by the statute as including i) the surviving spouse; ii) adult children; or iii) any adult next-of-kin who has actively participated in the dealership, thus providing certain benefits to these individuals upon the death of a dealer.
General Business Law: Specious Cash Sales	252(f)	Definitions	For the purposes of this Article, "person related to the seller" includes spouse.
General Business Law: Oil and Distilled Spirits	307	Penalties and the enforcement thereof	In Brooklyn, moneys collected for the violation of this section (relating to testing for refined petroleum and oil) goes to the widows and orphans' fund of the fire department.
General Business Law: Miscellaneous	396-z(i)(a)	Rental vehicle protections	Authorized driver includes the spouse of the person who rented the vehicle. However, it also includes "any licensed driver expressly listed on the rental agreement as an authorized driver."
General Business Law: Licensing of Nail Specialty, Natural Hair Styling, Esthetics and Cosmetology	408(4)	Licenses; display; renewal; duplicates	An appearance enhancement business license issued to an individual or to a partnership may be used after the death of the licensed individual or co-partner by the next of kin for a prescribed period.
General Business Law: Practice of Barbering	439(2-b)	Licenses; display; renewal; duplicates	A license to conduct a barbershop issued to an individual or to a partnership may be used after the death of the licensed individual or co-partner by the next of kin for a prescribed period.
General Business Law: Dealer Agreements for the Sale of Farm Equipment	696-b(11)(a)	Dealer agreements; unlawful acts and practices	Violation to unreasonably withhold consent, in the event of death of the dealer, to transfer the dealer's interest to a member of the family. Family includes a spouse, parents, siblings, children, step-children, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and lineal descendants (including adopted children). However, also cannot withhold consent on transfer to another.
General Business Law: Operation of Pet Cemeteries and Pet Cremations	750-f(4)	Licenses; display; renewal; duplicates	A license to operate a pet cemetery issued to an individual or to a partnership may be used after the death of the licensed individual or co-partner by the next of kin.
General City Law: Powers of Cities	20(29-a)	Grant of specific powers	Statute empowering cities to provide health insurance to spouses of officers.
General City Law: City Personal Income Tax on Residents	25-b	Credits against tax	Provides tax credit for married couples.
General Municipal Law: Negligence and Malfeasance of Public Officers; Taxpayers' Remedies	51	Prosecution of officers for illegal acts	Tax exemption for a spouse pursuant to the real property law in regards to illegal acts on the part of public officials.

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General City Law: City Unincorporated Business Income Tax	144(c)	Armed forces relief provisions	Refunds year-to-date tax paid by armed forces member dying in action to surviving spouse.
General Municipal Law: Burial of Veterans and their Families	148(1)(a)	Burial of members of the armed forces of the United States and their families; headstones	The board shall provide for the body of a person honorably discharged from military service to be interred, or the spouse of such a person.
General Municipal Law: Firemen and Policemen	205-a(i)	Additional right of action to certain injured or representatives of certain deceased firefighters	Right of wife of deceased firefighter to receive compensation from individual responsible for death.
General Municipal Law: Firemen and Policemen	205-e	Right of action to certain injured or representatives of certain deceased police officers	Entitlement of spouse of deceased police officer to be paid a sum of money by the person whose actions led to the death.
General Municipal Law: Firemen and Policemen	208-b	Death benefits for beneficiaries of certain policemen and firemen	Surviving spouse eligible for death benefit.
General Municipal Law: Conflicts of Interest of Municipal Officers and Employees	800	Definitions	For the purposes of this article a municipal officer or employee shall be deemed to have an interest in the contract of his spouse, etc.
General Obligations Law: Compensation	11-100	Compensation for injury or damage caused by the intoxication of a person under the age of twenty-one years	In case of death of either party, the action or right of action given by this section shall survive to or against his or her executor or administrator, and the amount so recovered by either a husband, wife, child shall be his or her sole property.
General Obligations Law: Compensation	11-101	Compensation for injury caused by the illegal sale of intoxicating liquor	In case of death of either party, the action or right of action given by this section shall survive to or against his or her executor or administrator, and the amount so recovered by either a husband, wife, child shall be his or her sole property.
Insurance Law: Licensing of Insurers	1108	Insurers exempt from licensing and other requirements	Corporation that provides support for clergy, etc. and their immediate family is exempt from this statute.
Insurance Law: Agents, Brokers, Adjusters, Consultants and Intermediaries	2109	Agents and brokers; temporary license in case of death, service in armed forces or disability	Assignment and renewal of a insurance broker's license to next of kin in the event of disability or death.
Insurance Law: Insurance Contracts -- Life, Accident and Health, Annuities	3205(c)(1)	Insurance interest in the person; consent required; exemptions	A wife or a husband may effectuate insurance upon the person of the other.
Insurance Law: Insurance Contracts -- Life, Accident and Health, Annuities	3212	Exemption of proceeds and avails of certain insurance and annuity contracts	Spouse is entitled to proceeds from insurance.
Insurance Law: Insurance Contracts -- Life, Accident and Health, Annuities	3220	Group life insurance policies; standard provisions	Policy may pay insurance to surviving relatives: wife, husband, mother, etc.; coverage options for surviving spouse.
Insurance Law: Insurance Contracts -- Life, Accident and Health, Annuities	3221	Group or blanket accident and health insurance policies; standard provisions	The conversion provision shall be available upon the death of a spouse or annulment of marriage; other rights regarding the spouse.
Insurance Law: Insurance Contracts-Property/Casualty	3420	Liability Insurance; standard provisions; right of injured person	Insurance against liability of death or injury to one's spouse, "supplemental spousal liability insurance."

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Insurance Law: Life Insurance Companies and Accident and Health Insurance Companies and Legal Services Insurance Companies	4216	Group life insurance; premium requirements; notice of conversion; filing of compensation	Provisions for payment of life insurance to an insured employee upon the death of a spouse.
Insurance Law: Life Insurance Companies and Accident and Health Insurance Companies and Legal Services Insurance Companies	4235(c)	Group accident and health insurance	Insurer may pay insurance to the surviving relatives of the employee or member, including wife, husband, etc., and payment for health expenses may be made after the death of a spouse.
Insurance Law: Non-Profit Medical and Dental Indemnity, or Health and Hospital Service Corporations	4304	Individual contracts	Provisions of a "family contract" and the rights of husband, wife, spouse, including language on termination and entitlements.
Insurance Law: Comprehensive Motor Vehicle Insurance Reparations	5102(h)	Definitions	Member of the household means a spouse, child or relative of the named insured who regularly resides in the house.
Judiciary Law: Disciplinary Rules	1200.11(c)(2)(iii)	Fees for Legal Services	A lawyer shall not foreclose on the marital residence while the spouse who consents to the mortgage remains the titleholder and the residence remains the spouse's primary residence.
Labor Law: General Provisions	217	Employee notification and remittance of premiums; group policies of accident and health insurance	Statute for the purpose of notifying employees and their dependents of termination of health care coverage.
Labor Law: Definitions	511	Employment	Status of spouse in determination of "employment" on farm, educational institutions.
Labor Law: Minimum Wage Standards for Farm Workers	671	Definitions	"Employee" on farm does not include employer's spouse.
Labor Law: New York State Labor Relations Act	701	Definitions	The term "employee" includes an individual employed by his or her spouse.
Local finance Law: Limitations on the Power to Contract Indebtedness	101.00(b)(8)	Giving or loaning of municipal credit and contracting indebtedness other than for municipal purposes prohibited	This section shall not be deemed to prevent payment of benefits to police or firefighter's widow.
Mental Hygiene Law: Hospitalization of the Mentally Ill	9.35	Review of court authorization to retain an involuntary patient	A petition for rehearing and review may only be made by a parent, spouse, or child, unless the petitioner first obtains leave of the Court upon good cause shown.
Mental Hygiene Law: Admission of the Mentally Retarded to Schools	15.27	Involuntary admission on medical certification	Application for involuntary admission of the mentally retarded to schools may be executed by a parent, spouse, sibling or nearest available relative.
Mental Hygiene Law: Admission of the Mentally Retarded to Schools	15.35	Review of court authorization to retain an involuntary resident	A petition for rehearing and review may only be made by a parent, spouse, or child, unless the petitioner first obtains leave of the Court upon good cause shown.
Mental Hygiene Law: General Provisions Relating to In-Patient Facilities	29.15	Discharge and conditional release of patients to the community	A voluntary patient over age 18 may be conditionally released only with his consent or the consent of the parent, legal guardian, or next of kin of the patient.
Mental Hygiene Law: Local and Unified Services	41.42	Family support programs	Support services for family members caring for chronic, mentally ill relatives at home.

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Mental Hygiene Law: Local and Unified Services	41.43	Family support services	Support services for family members caring for chronic, mentally ill relatives at home.
Military Law: Pay and Allowances	214	Retired officers; compensation	Where the widow of a deceased officer who was entitled to be retired dies, the widow shall receive a pension.
Military Law: Pay and Allowances	217	Pensions	Surviving spouse of a member of an organized militia who dies from injuries sustained during service receives a pension.
Military Law: Privileges, Prohibitions and Penalties	250	Recording certificates of honorable discharge	It shall be duty of county clerk to furnish without charge a copy of honorable discharge certificate to a veteran, parent, spouse, dependent or child of a veteran.
Military Law: Privileges, Prohibitions and Penalties	250-a	Flags	Order of designation for disposal of remains of decedent, including spouse and relatives.
Military Law: New York State Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act	301-b	Extension of benefits to dependents	Dependents of a person in the military service shall be entitled to benefits accorded to persons in the military service.
Military Law: New York State Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act	309	Evictions; restraint	No eviction shall be made to spouse or dependents of person in military service while the person is in military service.
Military Law: New York State Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act	310	Liability for rent accruing after induction; termination of lease	Penalties for evicting a spouse or the dependents of a person in military service while the person is in military service.
Military Law: New York State Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act	311-a	Termination of motor vehicle lease contracts	Protections regarding termination of motor vehicle leases extend to spouses.
Navigation Law: Pilots and Pilotage Fees, Port of New York	88	Pilotage at Sandy Hook, Sandy Point or Execution Rocks; rates	Rights of surviving spouses to retirement assets of pilots.
Not-For-Profit Corporation Law: Public Cemetery Corporations	1512	Rights of lot owners	Transfer of rights of burial lot owners to surviving spouse.
Not-For-Profit Corporation Law: Public Cemetery Corporations	1513	Sale of burial rights	Conveyance made subject to right of interment of the spouse of any deceased owner in regards to burial rights.
Not-For-Profit Corporation Law: Public Cemetery Corporations	1513-a	Reacquisition of a lot, plot or part thereof by a cemetery board, reacquire, resubdivide, and resell a lot, plot or part thereof under the following circumstances	Rights of notification of the spouse of decedent in regards to management of burial plot.
Partnership Law: Nature of a Partnership	11	Rules for determining the existence of a partnership	No interference shall be drawn if such profits were received in payment a annuity to a surviving spouse in regards to receipt of share of business profits.
Private Housing Finance Law: Limited-Profit Housing Companies	31	Rentals and selection of tenants	Specifics for when preference shall be given for housing to a surviving spouse.
Public Health Law: New York State Veteran's Home	2630	Purpose	The New York State home for veterans shall be for care of aged veterans and their spouses, unremarried surviving spouses.
Public Health Law: New York State Veteran's Home	2632	Admission to home	Entitlements of spouse of decedent who is a veteran regarding admission to home.
Public Health Law: Licensing and Registration	28960h	Reports	Administrator shall upon request provide relative or spouse with a copy of the last inspection report pertaining to the nursing home.

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Public Health Law: Health Care Agents and Proxies	2981	Appointment of health care agent; health care proxy	Provisions on restricting health care entitlements for spouses of certain people, i.e. health care administrators.
Public Health Law: Vital Statistics Records	4174	Records; transcripts and certifications by commissioner; fees	Record of death may be served at request of spouse; commissioner may institute an additional fee for dissolution of marriage.
Public Health Law: Autopsy and Dissection	4210	Cadavers; right to dissect	Permission may be granted by spouse of deceased for dissection of cadaver.
Public Health Law: Autopsy and Dissection	4210-c	Limitations to dissection or autopsy	No autopsy shall be performed over the objection of the surviving spouse; Definition and subsequent rights of surviving relative regarding this issue.
Public Health Law: Anatomical Gifts	4306	Rights and duties at death	Remainder of the body from which donations have been made vests in the surviving spouse.
Public Housing Law: Provisions Relating to Approval, Construction, Management and Operation of Projects	156	Selection of tenants	Specifics of housing preference for spouse of deceased veteran.
Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law: Summary Proceeding to Recover Possession of Real Property	711	Grounds where landlord-tenant relationship exists	Provision for proceeding in regards to spousal role in payment of rent when tenant has died.
Real Property Law: Dower and Curtesy	200	Election between devise and dower	Wife must make her election whether she will take the jointure or pecuniary provision, or be endowed of the lands of her husband.
Real Property Law: Dower and Curtesy	203	Effect of acts of husband	Acts on the part of husband do not prejudice the right of his wife to her dower or jointure, or preclude her from recovery thereof.
Real Property Law: Dower and Curtesy	205	Widow may bequeath a crop	A widow may bequeath a crop in the ground of land held by her in dower.
Real Property Tax Law: Landlord and Tenant	235-f	Unlawful restrictions on occupancy	Definitions of lease agreements that include tenant's spouse as an occupant.
Real Property Tax Law: Conveyances and Mortgages	240-b	Certain conveyances authorized; effect thereof	"Person" may be a married person and "persons" may be persons married to each other.
Real Property Tax Law: Private Property	422	Not-for-profit housing companies	Tax exemption for property owned by not-for-profit used to house immediate family of employees
Real Property Tax Law: Private Property	458	Veterans	Provisions of tax exemption regarding spouse or unmarried surviving spouse of a veteran.
Real Property Tax Law: Private Property	459-c	Persons with disabilities and limited incomes	Provisions on tax exemption for real property owned by husband and wife with disabilities
Real Property Tax Law: Private Property	460	Clergy	Tax exemption on property owned by surviving spouse of clergy to the extent of fifteen hundred dollars.
Real Property Tax Law: Private Property	467	Persons sixty-five years of age or over	Provisions of property tax exemption for husband and wife over sixty-five.
Religious Corporations Law: General Provisions	8	Lot owner's rights	Lots in cemeteries become the property of a widow

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Retirement and Social Security Law: Options	90	Options	A member, or if he is incompetent, his spouse or the committee of his property, may select a Single Life Allowance.
Retirement and Social Security Law: Supplement Pension Act	162	Retired employees and certain widows and dependents eligible for supplemental pensions	Widows eligible for supplemental pensions.
Retirement and Social Security Law: Miscellaneous Provisions: Savings and Construction Clauses	418	Additional benefit authorized with respect to the city of Yonkers	City of Yonkers may provide additional benefit to widows of retired Yonkers police or firemen.
Social Services Law: [fig 1] Homelessness Intervention Program	49	Definitions	Household shall mean a single individual or family, including couples without dependent children who, or which are eligible to receive public assistance.
Social Services Law: General Provisions	131-a	Monthly grants and allowances of public assistance	Role of income of relative in determination of amount of aid for child.
Social Services Law: General Provisions	131-n	Expires and repealed Aug 22, 2005] Exemption of income and resources	Specifics for calculating benefits entitled to a household, pertains mostly to various financial situations.
Social Services Law: Veteran Assistance	169	Eligibility	Eligibility for veterans assistance if unable to secure support from a relative; wife, husband under twenty-one of the veteran is eligible; unremarried spouse of veteran is eligible.
Social Services Law: Aid to Dependent Children	350	Character and adequacy	Allowances to provide support for a relative he or she is without sufficient means of support.
Social Services Law: Aid to Dependent Children	360	Real property of legally responsible relatives; deeds and mortgages may be required	Role of ownership of real property by legally responsible relatives in determining amount of aid.
Social Services Law: Medical Assistance for Needy Persons	366	Eligibility	Role of spouse and/or relative in determination of eligibility for medical assistance.
Social Services Law: Medical Assistance for Needy Persons	366-c	Treatment of income and resources of institutionalized persons	Definitions and determinations in regards to income of institutionalized spouse.
Social Services Law: Medical Assistance for Needy Persons	367-a	Payments; insurance	Limit on resources of married person in regards to qualifying as "disabled and working individual."
Social Services Law: Medical Assistance for Needy Persons	368-a	State reimbursement	Specifics for funding for healthcare entitlements for veterans and their dependents.
Social Services Law: Medical Assistance for Needy Persons	369	Application of other provisions	No lien may be imposed on the home of institutionalized person if the person's spouse resides there.
Social Services Law: Catastrophic Health Care Expense Program	369-d	Operation of catastrophic health care expense program	Specifics of entitlement for households and family members under the catastrophic health care expense program.
Social Services Law: Family Health Plus Program	369-ee	Family health plus program	Eligibility for health care services for a family member relating to status of other coverage.

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Social Services Law: Health Insurance Continuation Program for Persons with AIDS	369-n	Relationship of program to medical assistance program	If all members of a family household can establish eligibility for the medical assistance program under the excess income program, no person in the household shall be eligible for the payment of all or part of such person's health insurance costs.
Social Services Law: Residential Programs for Adults	461-h	Special proceeding for termination of adult home, residence for adults and enriched housing program admission agreements	Procedural notification of next of kin in regards to termination of admission to health care facility.
Social Services Law: Transitional Care	466-b	Care provided by authorized agencies	Plan for transfer of patient to another facility will be sent to family members.
Social Services Law: William B. Hoyt Memorial Children and Family Trust Fund Act	481-c	Definitions	In regards to defining "domestic violence," "family or household members is defined as persons related by consanguinity or affinity or unrelated persons who are continually or at regular intervals living or in the past continually or at regular intervals lived in the same household.
Surrogate's Court Procedure Act: Appearance; Protection of Persons Under Disability; Counsel for Indigent Adults in Surrogate's Court Proceedings	403	Appointment of guardian ad litem	An appearance for a person under a disability by a guardian is not necessary in a probate proceeding the decedent is survived by a spouse who receives the entire estate.
Surrogate's Court Procedure Act: Temporary Administration -- Absentees and Internees	907	Special powers of temporary administrator in estates of absentees or internees	Powers of an administrator when the court determines the spouse requires care.
Surrogate's Court Procedure Act: Intestate Administration	1001	Order of priority for granting letters of administration	Letters of administration must be granted first to surviving spouse.
Surrogate's Court Procedure Act: Probate's Proceedings; Construction of Wills; Right of Election	1421	Election by surviving spouse	Election by a surviving spouse regarding inheritance.
Surrogate's Court Procedure Act: Guardians and Custodians	1704	Petition of appointment; contents	In the appointment of a guardian of an infant, if the infant is a married person, then the person must show the name of the spouse.
Surrogate's Court Procedure Act: Guardians and Custodians	1705	Persons to be served	Petition shall be served to the parents of an infant if the infant is married.
Surrogate's Court Procedure Act: Guardians and Custodians	1707	Decree appointing guardian; term of office	The term of office of a guardian expires upon the infant's marriage prior to attaining majority.
Surrogate's Court Procedure Act: Disposition of Real Property	1901	Real property subject to disposition; "disposition" and "fiduciary" defined	Transfer of property to a spouse as part of a definition of disposition of real property.
Surrogate's Court Procedure Act: Miscellaneous Proceedings	2102	Proceedings for relief against a fiduciary	A proceeding to require a fiduciary to turn over property to which a child or spouse is entitled.



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Surrogate's Court Procedure Act: Accounting	2215	Decree for payment and distribution	The court may award to a surviving spouse or child the same relief as to set-off of exempt property which may be awarded in such person's favor on a petition presented.
Tax Law: Taxable Transfers -- Residents	211	Exceptions and limitations	Tax exemption for married couples transferring property between each other
Tax Law: Taxable Transfers -- Residents	220	Taxable transfers -- residents	Tax exemption for married couples transferring property between each other
Tax Law: General	606	Credits against tax	Determination of tax for married couples
Tax Law: Residents	611	New York taxable income of a resident individual	Determination of tax for married couples
Tax Law: Residents	612	New York adjusted gross income of a resident individual	Determination of tax for married couples
Tax Law: Residents	614	New York standard deduction of a resident individual	Standard deduction for tax returns
Tax Law: Residents	615	New York itemized deduction of a resident individual	Tax credits for married couples
Tax Law: Residents	616	New York exemptions of a resident individual	Determination of tax for married couples
Tax Law: Returns and Payment of Tax	651	Returns and liabilities	Legislation regarding filing of tax returns for married couples
Tax Law: Procedure and Administration	681	Notice of deficiency	Determination of tax for married couples
Tax Law: Procedure and Administration	686	Overpayment	Surviving spouse may receive refund of decedent's overpayment
Tax Law: Procedure and Administration	689	Petition to tax commission	Determination of tax for married couples
Tax Law: Exemptions	1115	Exemptions from [retail] sales and [compensating] use taxes	Tax exemptions for married couples
Tax Law: Franchise Taxes on Insurance Corporations	1503	Computation of entire net income	Interest on debt paid by members of immediate family may be deducted.
Tax Law: Franchise Taxes on Insurance Corporations	1512	Exemptions	Tax shall not apply to dependent or immediate family of specific employees.
Tax Law: Applicable Estate Tax Provisions of United States Internal Revenue Code	2040	Joint Interests	Joint interests of married couples
Unconsolidated Laws: Benefits to Police Officers for Injuries or Death Outside Municipality	1	Benefits for injury to or death of police officer	When a police officer dies or is injured, he and his dependents are entitled benefits.

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Unconsolidated Laws - Canals: Appraisal and Claims Bureau	2	Compensation or awards; procedure	Relative of person incompetent to manage affairs must petition on his behalf in relation to claims against the state pertaining to land and water.
Unconsolidated Laws - Domestic Relations	preceding 1	Determination of the amount of support and maintenance for dependents	This law covers determination of the amount of support and maintenance for dependents pursuant to a court order; and validation of defective marriages.
Unconsolidated Laws - Domestic Relations: Dependents Primary Beneficiaries of Court Awards	1	Amount of support and maintenance for dependents; how determined	A wife to whom any valuable property or money is transferred shall be the primary beneficiary.
Unconsolidated Laws - Domestic Relations: Dependents Primary Beneficiaries of Court Awards	preceding ch 83, 1	Declaration of wives, children and poor relatives as primary beneficiaries of court awards	An act to better protect dependent wives, children and poor relatives and to declare them the primary beneficiaries of sums of money and any property awarded for their maintenance and support by any court
Unconsolidated Laws - Interstate Compacts: Interstate Civil Defense and Disaster Compact	106,1	Compact	Plans for evacuation, including notification of relatives shall be worked out from time to time between party states.
Unconsolidated Laws - Real Property: Emergency Housing Rent Control Law [Expires June 15, 2011]	2	[Expires June 15, 2011] Definitions	Husband and wife are considered one tenant for purposes of this statute.
Unconsolidated Laws - Real Property: Emergency Tenant Protection Act of 1974	5	[Expires June 15, 2011] Housing accommodations subject to regulation	Husband and wife are considered one tenant for purposes of this statute.
Unconsolidated Laws - Real Property: Local Emergency Rent Control Act	1	Regulation and control of residential rents and evictions	The term "immediate family" shall include a husband, wife, son, daughter, stepson, father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law.
Unconsolidated Laws - Villages: Special Provisions for Village Police Departments Law	6	Pensions	Entitlements of the widow of a dead police officer, details on when and how one-half of the dead officer's salary shall be distributed.
Unconsolidated Laws - Villages: Special Provisions for Village Police Departments Law	18	Employment of village policemen and establishment, organization and operation of police departments in the villages of Westchester county; applicability of laws	Special circumstances under which a police officer may retire and the entitlements of the officer's widow.
Unconsolidated Laws: Dependents Primary Beneficiaries of Court Awards	preceding ch 83, 1	Declaration of wives, children and poor relatives as primary beneficiaries of court awards	An act to better protect dependent wives, children and poor relatives and to declare them the primary beneficiaries of sums of money and any property awarded for their maintenance and support by any court
Unconsolidated Laws: Emergency Housing Rent Control Law [Expires June 15, 2011]	4	[Expires June 15, 2011] General powers and duties of the commission	The landlord must be compensated for an increase in the number of tenants who are not immediate family.
Unconsolidated Laws: Municipal Industrial and Bureaus	2	Powers of industrial aid bureau	An industrial aid bureau shall have the power to furnish shelter, food, and clothing, etc. to unemployed persons and their dependents.

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Unconsolidated Laws: New York State Medical Care Facilities Finance Agency Act	3	Definitions	Immediate families are included in the definition of "non-profit health facilities."
Unconsolidated Laws: Sick Leave for State Institutional Employees	1	State employees, sick leave	Sick leave applies to death or illness in immediate family.
Unconsolidated Laws: Special Provisions for Village Police Departments Law	12	Reserves for pension funds	Village may appropriate funds for pension to dependents of pensioners.
Uniform Commercial Code: Short Title, Definitions, and General Concepts		Definition and index of definitions	Definition of "person related to" as a spouse
Vehicle and Traffic Law: Licensing of Drivers	503-a	Limited class DJ and MJ licenses	Limited class DJ or MJ license holder may drive to/from medical examination or treatment of holder's immediate family
Vehicle and Traffic Law: Alcohol and Drug-Related Offenses and Procedures Applicable Thereto	1193	Sanctions	When suspending a license, court may grant hardship privilege for license holder to drive to/from medical examinations or treatments of holder's immediate family
Village Law: Fire Department	10-1006	Volunteer members of village fire companies	Unlawful to discriminate based on marital status
Village Law: Cemeteries	15-1508	Abandonment of cemeteries	A relative may oppose removal of remains from a cemetery
Volunteer Ambulance Workers' Benefit Law: Short Title; Purpose; Definitions	3	Definitions	Definition of surviving spouse
Volunteer Ambulance Workers' Benefit Law: Coverage and Benefits	7	Death benefits	Death benefits to serving spouses
Volunteer Ambulance Workers' Benefit Law: Coverage and Benefits	10	Permanent partial disability benefits	Payment of partial disability benefits shall be made to surviving spouses
Volunteer Ambulance Workers' Benefit Law: Coverage and Benefits	23	Assignments, exemptions	Benefits to volunteer ambulance workers or their dependents are excluded from other claims.
Volunteer Ambulance Workers' Benefit Law: Procedure	41	Claim for benefits	The right of a dependent to a compensation claim shall not be barred by failure to file.
Volunteer Ambulance Workers' Benefit Law: Saving Clauses	90	References to workers' compensation law	Defines "dependent husband"
Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Law: Short Title; Purpose; Definitions; Miscellaneous	3	Definitions	"Surviving spouse means the legal wife of a deceased male volunteer fireman or the legal husband of a deceased female volunteer fireman..."
Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Law: Coverage and Benefits	7	Lt. Michael E. Neuner / Timothy Goff memorial death benefit program	Outlines death benefit to surviving spouse

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Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Law: Coverage and Benefits	10	Permanent partial disability benefits	Outlines partial disability benefits
Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Law: Coverage and Benefits	17	Aliens	Benefits may be paid to surviving spouses in any foreign country
Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Law: Coverage and Benefits	18	Disposition of accrued benefits upon death	Death benefits to serving spouses
Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Law: Coverage and Benefits	19	Exclusiveness of remedy	Benefits provided by this chapter shall be the exclusive remedy of a volunteer fireman, or his spouse...
Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Law: Coverage and Benefits	23	Assignments, exemptions	Such benefits shall be paid only to volunteer fireman or their dependents.
Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Law: Procedure	41	Claim for benefits	Rights of fireman and his dependents regarding claim of benefits.
Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Law: Savings Clauses; Effective Date	70	References to workers' compensation law	Definition of "dependent husband" as "surviving spouse of a female fireman"
Workers' Compensation Law: Compensation	15	Schedule in case of disability	Disability award can be awarded to surviving spouse
Workers' Compensation Law: Compensation	16	Death benefits	Death benefits to serving spouses
Workers' Compensation Law: Compensation	17	Aliens	Death benefits can be awarded to surviving spouses in foreign countries
Workers' Compensation Law: Compensation	25-a	Procedure and payment of compensation in certain claims; limitation of right to compensation	Limiting the maximum compensation for widows and spouses
Workers' Compensation Law: Compensation	33	Assignments; exemptions	Compensation shall be payable to surviving spouse
Workers' Compensation Law: Occupational Diseases	39	Right to compensation	Dependent's right to compensation in the event of disease or disability
Workers' Compensation Law: Occupational Diseases	46	Information; penalty	The employee or his dependents shall furnish information regarding employment history as evidence in a compensation claim.
Workers' Compensation Law: Occupational Loss of Hearing	49-bb	Waiting period; date of disablement; payment of compensation	Claim shall not be barred by employee or employee's dependents failure to file.
Workers' Compensation Law: Miscellaneous Provisions	110	Record and report of injuries by employers	Employer is required to provide dependent with statement of rights in the event of a employee's death.
Workers' Compensation Law: Miscellaneous Provisions	121-a	Proof of dependency in foreign countries	Marriage certificate proves dependency in foreign country for benefits
Workers' Compensation Law: Disability Benefits	236	Disposition of accrued benefits upon death	Accrued benefits may be paid to surviving spouse

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Workers' Compensation Law: Rules and Regulations Procedure before the Board	300.33	Pre-hearing conferences	Parties of interest may agree on terms of compensation due to claimant's dependents.
Workers' Compensation Law: Rules and Regulations Procedure before the Board	300.36	Section 32 agreements	For the purpose of encouraging parties of interest to agree on terms of compensation due to claimant's dependents.
Workers' Compensation Law: Workmen's Compensation Act for Civil Defense Volunteers	305	Compensation provided	Compensation shall be payable to surviving spouse
Workers' Compensation Law: Workmen's Compensation Act for Civil Defense Volunteers	307	Computation of benefits	Compensation to a dependent in the event of death shall be based on wages of a similar employee unless a tax return is furnished.
Workers' Compensation Law: Workmen's Compensation Act for Civil Defense Volunteers	309	Non-duplication	Dependent of deceased civil defense volunteer shall not receive duplicate compensation.
Workers' Compensation Law: Workmen's Compensation Act for Civil Defense Volunteers	310	Disposition of accrued benefits upon death	Compensation shall be payable to surviving spouse
Workers' Compensation Law: Workmen's Compensation Act for Civil Defense Volunteers	312	Exclusiveness of remedy	Compensation in this article shall be the exclusive remedy for spouses
Workers' Compensation Law: Rules and Regulations Self-Insurers Regulations	315.2	Agreement	Employer shall issue an agreement to pay required compensation to dependents of deceased employee.
Workers' Compensation Law: Workmen's Compensation Act for Civil Defense Volunteers	316	Record of enrollment	The record of enrollment shall serve as prima facie evidence in paying claims to dependents of civil defense volunteers.
Workers' Compensation Law: Rules and Regulations Actuarial Procedure Aggregate Trust Funds	393.1	Actuarial computation	Mandatory provisions entitle dependent of deceased claimant accrued compensation from insurance company.
Workers' Compensation Law: Rules and Regulations Actuarial Procedure Aggregate Trust Funds	393.4	Calculating present value of disability award	In calculating benefits, the actuary shall assume there will be dependents entitled to unpaid balance of compensation.