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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. JENNE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to premature and high risk infant information and quality improvement

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

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section  
2 2816-b to read as follows:

3 § 2816-b. Premature and high risk infant information and quality  
4 improvement. 1. Definitions. For the purpose of this section, the  
5 following terms shall have the following meanings:

6 (a) "Premature infant" shall mean any infant born thirty-seven weeks  
7 gestational or less.

8 (b) "Low birth weight" shall mean any infant weighing twenty-five  
9 hundred grams or less.

10 (c) "High risk infant" shall mean any infant born with a high risk  
11 problem or problems, as defined by the department.

12 2. Within ten days after the birth of any premature infant, infant  
13 with low birth weight or high risk infant, each general hospital or, in  
14 the case of a birth outside a general hospital, the person responsible  
15 for delivery shall file written information on such birth in a format  
16 determined by the department.

17 3. Within the first six months after the birth of any premature  
18 infant, infant with low birth weight or high risk infant, each general  
19 hospital shall file written information in a format determined by the  
20 department on the admission of such infant to the general hospital  
21 including the cause or causes of such admission to the general hospital.

22 4. The department shall submit an annual report commencing on January  
23 first, two thousand nineteen to the governor, the temporary president of  
24 the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the  
25 senate and the minority leader of the assembly on the status of prema-

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 ture, low birth weight and high risk infants. The report shall include,  
2 but not be limited to:

3 (a) information about the incidence and cause of re-admissions of  
4 infants born premature, with low birth weight or high risk within their  
5 first six months of life; and

6 (b) recommendations for improvement of premature, low birth weight or  
7 high risk infant health outcomes and ensuring continued health quality  
8 improvement, including recommendations concerning technological needs to  
9 improve monitoring of premature, low birth weight and high risk infants  
10 after discharge from a general hospital after birth.

11 5. The department shall develop standardized procedures for hospital  
12 discharge and follow-up care for premature, low birth weight and high  
13 risk infants and shall ensure that standardized and coordinated proc-  
14 esses are followed as such infants leave the general hospital and tran-  
15 sition to follow-up care by a health care provider and/or home care  
16 services agency. The department shall utilize national evidence-based  
17 guidelines, including, but not limited to, from the Centers for Medicare  
18 and Medicaid Services' Neonatal Outcomes Improvement Project or the  
19 Institute for Healthcare Improvement's national initiative for chil-  
20 dren's healthcare quality as well as the annual report as required in  
21 subdivision four of this section to establish general hospital discharge  
22 and follow-up care procedures.

23 6. The commissioner may promulgate and enforce such rules and regu-  
24 lations as he or she deems necessary to effectuate the purposes of this  
25 section.

26 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
27 it shall have become a law; provided that effective immediately, the  
28 addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary  
29 for the implementation of the provisions of this act on its effective  
30 date are authorized to be made on or before such effective date.