

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

March 26, 2022

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring third trimester syphilis testing

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 2308 of the public health law is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. Every physician or other authorized practitioner attending pregnant  
4 [~~women~~] patients in the state shall in the case of every [~~woman~~] patient  
5 so attended take or cause to be taken a sample of blood of such [~~woman~~]  
6 patient at the time of first examination, and submit such sample to an  
7 approved laboratory for a standard serological test for syphilis. In  
8 addition to testing at the time of first examination, every such physi-  
9 cian or other authorized practitioner shall order a syphilis test during  
10 the third trimester of pregnancy consistent with any guidance and regu-  
11 lations issued by the commissioner.

12 § 2. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a  
13 law. Effective immediately, any rules and regulations or guidance neces-  
14 sary to implement the provisions of this act on its effective date are  
15 authorized to be amended, repealed and/or promulgated on or before such  
16 date.

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

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