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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to advising pregnant women of their option to donate umbilical cord blood

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 3125 to read as follows:

S 3125. REQUIREMENT TO ADVISE OF OPTION TO DONATE UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD. 1. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION "UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD" MEANS THE BLOOD THAT REMAINS IN THE UMBILICAL CORD AND PLACENTA AFTER THE BIRTH OF A CHILD.

2. ALL HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS, WHO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO A PREGNANT WOMAN, DURING THE LAST TRIMESTER OF HER PREGNANCY, WHICH SERVICES ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE PREGNANCY, SHALL ADVISE HER THAT SHE HAS AN OPTION TO DONATE UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD, FOLLOWING THE BIRTH OF HER CHILD.

3. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL IMPOSE AN OBLIGATION TO ADVISE A PREGNANT WOMAN OF HER OPTION TO DONATE UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD UPON A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER IF THE GIVING OF SUCH INFORMATION WOULD BE CONTRARY TO THE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER'S BONA FIDE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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