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Introduced by M. of A. EDDINGTON, PHEFFER, HYER-SPENCER, JAFFEE -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BENJAMIN, McENENY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Insurance

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to authorizing insurance coverage for a course of instruction in breast feeding

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

Section 1. Item (ii) of subparagraph (A) of paragraph 10 of subsection (i) of section 3216 of the insurance law, as amended by chapter 56 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) Maternity care coverage shall also include, at minimum, parent education, assistance and training in breast or bottle feeding, INCLUDING A COURSE OF INSTRUCTION IN BREAST FEEDING TAUGHT BY A CERTIFIED LACTATION CONSULTANT WHICH MAY BE UP TO SIX HOURS IN DURATION AND WHICH MAY BE OFFERED PRIOR TO OR SUBSEQUENT TO THE BIRTH OF THE INFANT, and the performance of any necessary maternal and newborn clinical assessments.

S 2. Item (ii) of subparagraph (A) of paragraph 5 of subsection (k) of section 3221 of the insurance law, as amended by chapter 56 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) Maternity care coverage shall also include, at minimum, parent education, assistance and training in breast or bottle feeding, INCLUDING A COURSE OF INSTRUCTION IN BREAST FEEDING TAUGHT BY A CERTIFIED LACTATION CONSULTANT WHICH MAY BE UP TO SIX HOURS IN DURATION AND WHICH MAY BE OFFERED PRIOR TO OR SUBSEQUENT TO THE BIRTH OF THE INFANT, and the performance of any necessary maternal and newborn clinical assessments.

S 3. Subparagraph (B) of paragraph 1 of subsection (c) of section 4303 of the insurance law, as amended by chapter 661 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as follows:

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

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(B) Maternity care coverage also shall include, at minimum, parent education, assistance and training in breast or bottle feeding, INCLUDING A COURSE OF INSTRUCTION IN BREAST FEEDING TAUGHT BY A CERTIFIED LACTATION CONSULTANT WHICH MAY BE UP TO SIX HOURS IN DURATION AND WHICH MAY BE OFFERED PRIOR TO OR SUBSEQUENT TO THE BIRTH OF THE INFANT, and the performance of any necessary maternal and newborn clinical assessments.

S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.