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I N A S S E M B L Y

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to authorizing expedited partner therapy for chlamydia trachomatis and other sexually transmitted infections; and to amend chapter 577 of the laws of 2008 amending the public health law relating to expedited partner therapy for persons infected with chlamydia trachomatis, in relation to making such provisions permanent

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

Section 1. Section 2312 of the public health law, as added by chapter 577 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

S 2312. Expedited partner therapy for chlamydia trachomatis infection AND OTHER SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law and consistent with section two thousand three hundred five of this title, a health care practitioner (who is authorized under title eight of the education law to diagnose and prescribe drugs for sexually transmitted chlamydia trachomatis infection AND OTHER SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS, acting within his or her lawful scope of practice) who diagnoses a sexually transmitted chlamydia trachomatis infection OR OTHER SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION in an individual patient may prescribe, dispense, furnish, or otherwise provide prescription antibiotic drugs FOR THE SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS THAT THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION RECOMMENDS THE USE OF EXPEDITED PARTNER THERAPY to that patient's sexual partner or partners without examination of that patient's partner or partners.

2. A health care practitioner who reasonably and in good faith renders expedited partner therapy in accordance with this section and following the rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner shall not be subject to civil or criminal liability or be deemed to have engaged in unprofessional conduct.

3. The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations concerning the implementation of this section and shall also develop forms for patients and their partners explaining expedited partner therapy for a

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

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chlamydia trachomatis infection AND OTHER SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS THAT THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION RECOMMENDS THE USE OF EXPEDITED PARTNER THERAPY. Such forms shall be written in a clear and coherent manner using words with common, everyday meanings.

S 2. Section 2 of chapter 577 of the laws of 2008 amending the public health law relating to expedited partner therapy for persons infected with chlamydia trachomatis is amended to read as follows:

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law [and shall expire and be deemed repealed January 1, 2014].

S 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2014.