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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring hepatitis C virus testing of newborns

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 2500-k to read as follows:
3 S 2500-K. HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV); TESTING OF NEWBORNS. 1. IN ORDER TO
4 IMPROVE THE HEALTH OUTCOMES OF NEWBORNS, AND TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO CARE
5 AND TREATMENT FOR NEWBORNS INFECTED WITH OR EXPOSED TO HEPATITIS C VIRUS
6 (HCV) AND THEIR MOTHERS, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH A COMPREHEN-
7 SIVE PROGRAM FOR THE TESTING OF NEWBORNS FOR THE PRESENCE OF HEPATITIS C
8 VIRUS (HCV) AND/OR THE PRESENCE OF ANTIBODIES TO SUCH VIRUS.
9 2. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE IMPE-
10 MENTATION OF THE PROGRAM REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS
11 SECTION, INCLUDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF TESTING, COUNSELING, TRACKING,
12 DISCLOSURE OF TEST RESULTS PURSUANT TO SECTION TWENTY-SEVEN HUNDRED
13 EIGHTY-TWO OF THIS CHAPTER, FOLLOW-UP REVIEWS, AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIV-
14 ITIES RELATING TO SUCH TESTING.
15 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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