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Introduced by M. of A. SCARBOROUGH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Children and Families

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to the abandoned infant protection program

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

Section 1. Section 372-g of the social services law, as added by chapter 156 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

S 372-g. Abandoned infant protection program. 1. The office of children and family services shall develop and implement a public information program to inform the general public of the provisions of the abandoned infant protection act. The program may include but not be limited to the following elements:

[1.] (A) educational and informational materials in print, audio, video, electronic, or other media;

[2.] (B) public service announcements and advertisements; [and]

[3.] (C) establishment of toll-free telephone hotlines to provide information; AND

(D) SUCH INFORMATION SHALL INCLUDE THE FACT THAT THE PERSON SURRENDERING THE INFANT CAN CHANGE HIS OR HER MIND WITHIN THE TIMEFRAME PRESCRIBED BY THE LAW, AND MAY USE THE TOLL-FREE HOTLINE OR OTHER AVAILABLE MEANS TO RESCIND THEIR DECISION TO RECLAIM THE INFANT IF THEY CHOOSE TO WITHIN THAT PRESCRIBED TIMEFRAME.

2. THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES SHALL BE PROHIBITED FROM CONTACTING, THROUGH ANY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION, A PERSON WHO HAS AVAILED HIMSELF OR HERSELF OF THE PROTECTIONS OF THE ABANDONED INFANT PROTECTION ACT, OR WHO HAS OTHERWISE SURRENDERED A CHILD TO THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES WITH THE INTENT OF RELINQUISHING HIS OR HER PARENTAL RIGHTS, UNLESS SUCH PERSON AFFIRMATIVELY INITIATES THE CONTACT.

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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