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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring general hospitals with a newborn nursery or providing obstetric services to offer Bordetella pertussis vaccinations to certain persons

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

Section 1. The subdivision heading and paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section 2805-h of the public health law, as added by chapter 282 of the laws of 2009, are amended to read as follows:

Immunizations against influenza AND BORDETELLA PERTUSSIS; neonatal intensive care units. (a) [Annually between September first and April first, it] IT shall be the duty of each general hospital (I) with a neonatal intensive care unit to offer, ANNUALLY BETWEEN SEPTEMBER FIRST AND APRIL FIRST, to every parent or person in parental relation who is reasonably anticipated to be a caregiver in the household of a newborn being treated in the neonatal intensive care unit vaccination against influenza virus; AND (II) HAVING A NEWBORN NURSERY OR PROVIDING OBSTETRIC SERVICES TO OFFER TO EVERY PARENT, PERSON IN PARENTAL RELATION OR OTHER PERSON WHO IS REASONABLY ANTICIPATED TO BE A CAREGIVER OF A NEWBORN BEING TREATED IN SUCH HOSPITAL VACCINATION AGAINST BORDETELLA PERTUSSIS (WHOOPING COUGH). If the parent or person in parental relation wishes to be vaccinated, the hospital shall provide the person with the vaccination. If the parent or person in parental relation declines the hospital offer or wishes to defer vaccination, the hospital shall provide information on where such person may be vaccinated. Such general hospital need not offer the vaccination to parents and persons in parental relation who have already received such vaccine or for whom it is medically inappropriate.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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