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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sen. KENNEDY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. PEOPLES-STOKES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring hospitals and birth centers to request each maternity patient and father of a newborn view a video presentation on safe sleeping practices for newborns

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

1 Section 1. Section 2803-j of the public health law, as amended by
2 chapter 62 of the laws of 1996, is amended by adding two new subdivisions
3 1-d and 7 to read as follows:
4 1-D. THE INFORMATIONAL LEAFLET SHALL ALSO INCLUDE AN EXPLANATION OF
5 UNSAFE SLEEPING PRACTICES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE DANGERS OF
6 CO-SLEEPING WITH A NEWBORN, INFANT OR CHILD, THE POTENTIAL FATAL CONSEQUENCES
7 FROM SUCH UNSAFE SLEEPING PRACTICES AND RECOMMENDED SAFE SLEEPING
8 PRACTICES. THE LEAFLET SHALL INCLUDE STATISTICS CONCERNING THE
9 NUMBER OF DEATHS OF INFANTS AND CHILDREN EACH YEAR SUSPECTED OR KNOWN TO
10 BE CAUSED BY UNSAFE SLEEPING PRACTICES INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF DEATHS
11 FROM CO-SLEEPING PRACTICES. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CAUSE A SUFFICIENT
12 NUMBER OF SUCH LEAFLETS TO BE PRODUCED TO ALLOW PARENTS OF NEWBORN CHILDREN
13 TO TAKE A LEAFLET HOME WITH THEM. THE LEAFLET SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE
14 IN LANGUAGES BEST DESIGNED TO CONVEY THE INFORMATION TO THE PARENTS
15 WHO RECEIVE MATERNITY RELATED SERVICES AT SUCH HOSPITAL OR BIRTHING
16 CENTER.
17 7. EVERY HOSPITAL OR BIRTH CENTER SHALL REQUEST THAT EACH MATERNITY
18 PATIENT AND FATHER OF A NEWBORN CHILD, IF AVAILABLE, VIEW A VIDEO PRESENTATION,
19 APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER, ON UNSAFE SLEEPING PRACTICES INCLUDING,
20 BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE DANGERS OF CO-SLEEPING WITH A NEWBORN, INFANT OR CHILD,
21 THE POTENTIAL FATAL CONSEQUENCES FROM SUCH UNSAFE SLEEPING PRACTICES AND
22 RECOMMENDED SAFE SLEEPING PRACTICES. THE VIDEO SHALL INCLUDE STATISTICS
23 CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF DEATHS OF

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

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1 INFANTS AND CHILDREN EACH YEAR SUSPECTED OR KNOWN TO BE CAUSED BY UNSAFE
2 SLEEPING PRACTICES INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM CO-SLEEPING PRAC-
3 TICES. AFTER VIEWING SUCH A VIDEO PRESENTATION OR UPON REFUSAL TO VIEW
4 SUCH A VIDEO PRESENTATION, THE HOSPITAL OR BIRTH CENTER SHALL REQUEST
5 THAT SUCH PATIENT AND/OR FATHER SIGN A FORM STATING THAT THEY HAVE
6 VIEWED OR REFUSED TO VIEW SUCH VIDEO PRESENTATION. ALL TRAINING MATERI-
7 ALS AND FORMS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDIVISION
8 SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSIONER. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CAUSE A
9 SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF SUCH VIDEOS TO BE PRODUCED TO ALLOW PARENTS OF
10 NEWBORN CHILDREN TO TAKE A VIDEO HOME WITH THEM. THE FORMAT OF THE VIDEO
11 SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER BUT SHALL BE AVAILABLE IN THE
12 MOST COMMONLY USED ELECTRONIC FORMAT IN USE FROM TIME TO TIME AND SHALL
13 BE MADE AVAILABLE IN LANGUAGES BEST DESIGNED TO CONVEY THE INFORMATION
14 TO THE PARENTS WHO RECEIVE MATERNITY RELATED SERVICES AT SUCH HOSPITAL
15 OR BIRTHING CENTER.

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