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AN ACT to amend the social services law and the family court act, in  
relation to a presumption of neglect against a child in certain  
circumstances

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (ii) of subdivision 4-a of section 371 of the  
2 social services law, as added by chapter 782 of the laws of 1971, is  
3 amended and a new paragraph (iii) is added to read as follows:

4 (ii) who has been abandoned by his parents or other person legally  
5 responsible for his OR HER care[.]; OR

6 (III) IN THE CASE OF A NEWBORN, IF IT IS ESTABLISHED THROUGH TESTS OF  
7 SUCH CHILD'S BLOOD OR URINE OR THROUGH SIMILAR TESTS OF THE NEWBORN  
8 CHILD THAT SUCH CHILD WAS EXPOSED TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, AS DEFINED  
9 IN SUBDIVISION FIVE OF SECTION 220.00 OF THE PENAL LAW, THAT WERE NOT  
10 PRESCRIBED BY A PHYSICIAN, THERE SHALL BE A PRESUMPTION THAT SUCH  
11 CHILD'S PHYSICAL, MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL CONDITION HAS BEEN IMPAIRED OR IS  
12 IN IMMINENT DANGER OF BECOMING IMPAIRED AS A RESULT OF THE FAILURE OF  
13 SUCH CHILD'S MOTHER TO EXERCISE THE LEGALLY REQUIRED DEGREE OF CARE.

14 S 2. Paragraph (ii) of subdivision (f) of section 1012 of the family  
15 court act, as amended by chapter 666 of the laws of 1976, is amended and  
16 a new paragraph (iii) is added to read as follows:

17 (ii) who has been abandoned, in accordance with the definition and  
18 other criteria set forth in subdivision five of section three hundred  
19 eighty-four-b of the social services law, by his parents or other person  
20 legally responsible for his OR HER care[.]; OR

21 (III) IN THE CASE OF A NEWBORN, IF IT IS ESTABLISHED THROUGH TESTS OF  
22 SUCH CHILD'S BLOOD OR URINE OR THROUGH SIMILAR TESTS OF THE NEWBORN  
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EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 IN IMMINENT DANGER OF BECOMING IMPAIRED AS A RESULT OF THE FAILURE OF  
2 SUCH CHILD'S MOTHER TO EXERCISE THE LEGALLY REQUIRED DEGREE OF CARE.  
3 S 3. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-  
4 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.