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Introduced by M. of A. ORTIZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health -- reported and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means -- passed by Assembly and delivered to the Senate, recalled from the Senate, vote reconsidered, bill amended, ordered reprinted, retaining its place on the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the spina bifida education and outreach program

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

Section 1. Paragraph (g) of subdivision 1 of section 207 of the public health law, as amended by section 16 of part A of chapter 109 of the laws of 2010 and as relettered by chapter 331 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

(g) Improving birth outcomes, including the importance of preconceptional care, early prenatal care, considerations of health risks during pregnancy, considerations of benefits and risks of labor and delivery options including, but not limited to, vaginal and cesarean section delivery, elective or repeat cesarean sections, and appropriate use of drugs during delivery. THERE SHALL ALSO BE EDUCATION AND OUTREACH CONCERNING SPINA BIFIDA, A PERMANENTLY DISABLING BIRTH DEFECT OCCURRING AT THE END OF THE FIRST MONTH OF PREGNANCY WHICH INVOLVES THE INCOMPLETE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPINAL CORD OR ITS COVERINGS, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF ENCOURAGING ALL WOMEN IN THEIR CHILD-BEARING YEARS TO INCREASE THEIR FOLIC ACID INTAKE IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF SPINA BIFIDA.

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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