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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring hepatitis C virus testing of newborns

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

1     Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section  
2     2500-1 to read as follows:  
3     S 2500-L. HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV); TESTING OF NEWBORNS. 1. IN ORDER TO  
4     IMPROVE THE HEALTH OUTCOMES OF NEWBORNS, AND TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO CARE  
5     AND TREATMENT FOR NEWBORNS INFECTED WITH OR EXPOSED TO HEPATITIS C VIRUS  
6     (HCV) AND THEIR MOTHERS, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH A COMPREHEN-  
7     SIVE PROGRAM FOR THE TESTING OF NEWBORNS FOR THE PRESENCE OF HEPATITIS C  
8     VIRUS (HCV) AND/OR THE PRESENCE OF ANTIBODIES TO SUCH VIRUS.  
9     2. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE IMPLI-  
10    MENTATION OF THE PROGRAM REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS  
11    SECTION, INCLUDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF TESTING, COUNSELING, TRACKING,  
12    DISCLOSURE OF TEST RESULTS PURSUANT TO SECTION TWENTY-SEVEN HUNDRED  
13    EIGHTY-TWO OF THIS CHAPTER, FOLLOW-UP REVIEWS, AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIV-  
14    ITIES RELATING TO SUCH TESTING.  
15    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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