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Introduced by Sens. HANNON, KRUEGER, MONTGOMERY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to making pregnancy a triggering event for purposes of enrollment in a qualified health plan

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 2507 to read as follows:
3 S 2507. SPECIAL ENROLLMENT; PREGNANCY. IN ADDITION TO ANY QUALIFYING
4 EVENT UNDER FEDERAL LAW, RULE OR REGULATION THAT MAKES ONE ELIGIBLE FOR
5 A SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR ENROLLMENT IN A QUALIFIED HEALTH PLAN IN
6 THE STATE HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL
7 PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (P.L. 111-148), THE STATE
8 HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE SHALL ALLOW FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF A PREGNANT
9 INDIVIDUAL AT ANY TIME AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE PREGNANCY. UPON
10 SUCH ENROLLMENT, ANY QUALIFIED HEALTH PLAN IN THE STATE HEALTH INSURANCE
11 EXCHANGE SHALL ENSURE THAT COVERAGE IS EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF APPLICA-
12 TION.
13 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
14 ing the date on which it shall have become a law and shall apply to all
15 qualified health plans issued, renewed, modified, altered or amended on
16 or after such effective date; provided, however, that effective imme-
17 diately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation
18 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are
19 authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such
20 effective date.

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

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