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Introduced by M. of A. McDONALD -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring that information be made available to parents regarding window blind safety

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 2803-j of the public health law, as amended by chapter 199 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

1. The commissioner shall require that every hospital and birth center shall prepare in printed or photocopied form and distribute at the time of pre-booking directly to each prospective maternity patient and, upon request, to the general public an informational leaflet. Such leaflet shall be designed by the commissioner and shall contain brief definitions of maternity related procedures and practices as specified in subdivision two of this section and such other material as deemed appropriate by the commissioner. Hospitals and birth centers may also elect to distribute additional explanatory material along with the maternity patients informational leaflet. The commissioner shall make the information contained in the leaflet available on the department's website AND SHALL CAUSE A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF LEAFLETS TO BE PRINTED OR PHOTOCOPIED TO ALLOW EACH PEDIATRIC PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER IN THE STATE TO PROVIDE THE LEAFLET TO PARENTS AT A CHILD'S SIX MONTH APPOINTMENT.

S 2. Section 2803-j of the public health law, as amended by chapter 62 of the laws of 1996, is amended by adding a new subdivision 1-d to read as follows:

1-D. THE INFORMATIONAL LEAFLET SHALL ALSO INCLUDE INFORMATION REGARDING THE DANGER THAT WINDOW BLINDS POSE TO CHILDREN INCLUDING PROPER INSTALLATION OF BLINDS, EXAMPLES OF CURRENT STANDARDS AND THE POTENTIAL FATAL CONSEQUENCES FROM STRANGULATION POSED BY WINDOW BLINDS.

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

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S 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.