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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring pregnancy service centers to disclose certain information to clients

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 2503-a to read as follows:
3 S 2503-A. PREGNANCY SERVICE CENTER DISCLOSURES. 1. A PREGNANCY
4 SERVICES CENTER SHALL DISCLOSE TO A CLIENT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
5 (A) THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE ENCOURAGE
6 WOMEN WHO ARE OR WHO MAY BE PREGNANT TO CONSULT WITH A LICENSED MEDICAL
7 PROVIDER;
8 (B) IF IT DOES OR DOES NOT HAVE A LICENSED MEDICAL PROVIDER ON STAFF
9 WHO PROVIDES OR DIRECTLY SUPERVISES THE PROVISION OF ALL OF THE SERVICES
10 AT SUCH PREGNANCY SERVICES CENTER;
11 (C) IF IT DOES PROVIDE OR DOES NOT PROVIDE REFERRALS FOR ABORTION;
12 (D) IF IT DOES PROVIDE OR DOES NOT PROVIDE REFERRALS FOR EMERGENCY
13 CONTRACEPTION; AND
14 (E) IF IT DOES PROVIDE OR DOES NOT PROVIDE REFERRALS FOR PRENATAL
15 CARE.
16 2. THE DISCLOSURES REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION MUST BE PROVIDED:
17 (A) IN WRITING, IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH IN A SIZE AND STYLE AS DETER-
18 MINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSIONER ON: (I)
19 AT LEAST ONE SIGN CONSPICUOUSLY POSTED IN THE ENTRANCE OF THE PREGNANCY
20 SERVICES CENTER; (II) AT LEAST ONE ADDITIONAL SIGN POSTED IN ANY AREA
21 WHERE CLIENTS WAIT TO RECEIVE SERVICES; AND (III) IN ANY ADVERTISEMENT
22 PROMOTING THE SERVICES OF SUCH PREGNANCY SERVICES CENTER IN CLEAR AND
23 PROMINENT LETTER TYPE AND IN A SIZE AND STYLE TO BE DETERMINED IN
24 ACCORDANCE WITH RULES PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSIONER; AND

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

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1 (B) ORALLY, WHETHER BY IN PERSON OR TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION, UPON A
2 CLIENT OR PROSPECTIVE CLIENT REQUEST FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:
3 (I) ABORTION; (II) EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION; OR (III) PRENATAL CARE.
4 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.