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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 ASSEM-
BLY, 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, TWO
10 WEEKS AFTER THE INDIVIDUAL'S LAST MENSTRUAL PERIOD. UPON SUCH ENROLL-
11 MENT, ANY QUALIFIED HEALTH PLAN IN THE STATE HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE
12 SHALL ENSURE THAT COVERAGE IS EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF APPLICATION.
13 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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