STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

Introduced by M. of A. SIMOTAS -- read once and referred to the Commit-
   tee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing the
   infant recovery centers pilot program; and providing for the repeal of
   such provisions upon expiration thereof

   **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   2508 to read as follows:
3   **§ 2508. Infant recovery centers pilot program. There shall be estab-
4   lished an infant recovery centers pilot program whereby the commission-
5   er, in consultation with the commissioner of alcohol and substance abuse
6   services, shall establish at least four infant recovery centers in areas
7   of need in the state. Such centers shall provide cost effective, neces-
8   sary services and enhance the quality of care for targeted populations
9   in order to demonstrate the effectiveness of such program. Eligible
10   infants shall be under one year of age and suffer from withdrawal
11   resulting from in utero exposure to drugs. Such infant withdrawal may be
12   the result of conditions including, but not limited to, neonatal absti-
13   nence syndrome. The program shall provide more appropriate settings and
14   cost effective care for these infants than hospitals, while also provid-
15   ing supports and services to parents preparing to bring their infants
16   home. Access to such supports shall continue for a period after the
17   infant has left a center.**
18   **The department shall be responsible for monitoring the quality, appro-
19   priateness and effectiveness of the centers and shall report to the
20   legislature within one year of the establishment of the infant recovery
21   centers and again within two years of the effective date of this section
22   on the program's effectiveness.**
23   § 2. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall expire and be
24   deemed repealed 4 years after such date.