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Introduced by Sens. HANNON, AVELLA, SAVINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- recommitted to the Committee on Health in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the testing of certain newborns for cytomegalovirus and public education thereon

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (a) of section 2500-a of the public health law,
2 as amended by chapter 184 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 (a) It shall be the duty of the administrative officer or other person
5 in charge of each institution caring for infants twenty-eight days or
6 less of age and the person required in pursuance of the provisions of
7 section forty-one hundred thirty of this chapter to register the birth
8 of a child, to cause to have administered to every such infant or child
9 in its or his care a test for phenylketonuria, homozygous sickle cell
10 disease, hypothyroidism, branched-chain ketonuria, galactosemia, homo-
11 cystinuria, critical congenital heart defects through pulse oximetry
12 screening, and with regard to any newborn infant who is identified as,
13 or suspected of, having a hearing impairment as a result of a screening
14 conducted pursuant to section twenty-five hundred-g of this title, cause
15 to be administered to such infant a urine polymerase chain reaction
16 (PCR) test for cytomegalovirus, unless the parent of the infant objects
17 thereto, and such other diseases and conditions as may from time to time
18 be designated by the commissioner in accordance with rules or regu-
19 lations prescribed by the commissioner. Testing, the recording of the
20 results of such tests, tracking, follow-up reviews and educational
21 activities shall be performed at such times and in such manner as may be
22 prescribed by the commissioner. The commissioner shall promulgate regu-

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

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1 lations setting forth the manner in which information describing the
2 purposes of the requirements of this section shall be disseminated to
3 parents or a guardian of the infant tested.

4 § 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2500-1
5 to read as follows:

6 § 2500-1. Cytomegalovirus public education. 1. The department shall
7 develop and publish informational materials for women who may become
8 pregnant, expectant parents and parents of infants regarding:

9 (a) the incidence of cytomegalovirus;

10 (b) the transmission and risks of cytomegalovirus to pregnant women
11 and women who may become pregnant;

12 (c) birth defects caused by congenital cytomegalovirus;

13 (d) methods of diagnosing congenital cytomegalovirus;

14 (e) the available preventive measures to avoid the infection of women
15 who are pregnant or may become pregnant; and

16 (f) available methods of treating cytomegalovirus and resources avail-
17 able for families of children born with cytomegalovirus.

18 2. The department shall publish the information required pursuant to
19 subdivision one of this section on its internet website, and distribute
20 information regarding birth defects, treatment and resources to all
21 hospitals performing cytomegalovirus testing pursuant to section twen-
22 ty-five hundred-a of this title.

23 3. The department may promulgate rules to implement the purposes of
24 this section.

25 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; except that section one
26 of this act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it
27 shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately,
28 the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation neces-
29 sary for the implementation of section one of this act on its effective
30 date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before
31 such effective date.