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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. MONTGOMERY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Women's Issues

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to providing information on possible complications from pregnancy; and in relation to screenings and referrals for serious threats to life after pregnancy

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1-b 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-b. The informational leaflet shall also include information relating to the physical and mental health of the maternity patient after discharge from the hospital, including, but not limited to, information about maternal depression **and information on possible complications from pregnancy that can lead to death**. The commissioner, in collaboration with the commissioner of mental health, shall review and update the information on maternal depression contained in the leaflet, as necessary. **The commissioner, in consultation with official boards in the state responsible for reviewing and investigating causes of maternal mortality, shall review and update the information on possible complications from pregnancy that can lead to death, as necessary.** The informational leaflets shall be made available to patients in the top six languages spoken in the state, other than English, according to the latest available data from the United States Census Bureau.

§ 2. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 2803-n of the public health law, as amended by chapter 199 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Maternity care shall also include, at minimum, parent education, assistance and training in breast or bottle feeding, education on maternal depression, education on maternal depression screening and referrals, **including screenings and referrals to identify conditions identi-**

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

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fied as presenting a serious threat to the life of the mother in the year after pregnancy, and the performance of any necessary maternal and newborn clinical assessments. Notwithstanding this requirement, nothing in this paragraph is intended to result in the hospital charging any amount for such services in addition to the applicable charge for the maternity inpatient hospital admission.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.