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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:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1-b of section 2803-j of the public health law,
2 as amended by chapter 199 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 1-b. The informational leaflet shall also include information relating
5 to the physical and mental health of the maternity patient after
6 discharge from the hospital, including, but not limited to, information
7 about maternal depression and information on possible complications from
8 pregnancy that can lead to death. The commissioner, in collaboration
9 with the commissioner of mental health, shall review and update the
10 information on maternal depression contained in the leaflet, as neces-
11 sary. The commissioner, in consultation with official boards in the
12 state responsible for reviewing and investigating causes of maternal
13 mortality, shall review and update the information on possible compli-
14 cations from pregnancy that can lead to death, as necessary. The infor-
15 mational leaflets shall be made available to patients in the top six
16 languages spoken in the state, other than English, according to the
17 latest available data from the United States Census Bureau.

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

21 (b) Maternity care shall also include, at minimum, parent education,
22 assistance and training in breast or bottle feeding, education on mater-
23 nal depression, education on maternal depression screening and refer-
24 rals, 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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1 fied as presenting a serious threat to the life of the mother in the
2 year after pregnancy, and the performance of any necessary maternal and
3 newborn clinical assessments. Notwithstanding this requirement, nothing
4 in this paragraph is intended to result in the hospital charging any
5 amount for such services in addition to the applicable charge for the
6 maternity inpatient hospital admission.

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