STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SIMOTAS -- read once and referred to the Committee 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 Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Title 1 of article 25 of the public health law is amended by adding a new section 2509 to read as follows:

§ 2509. Infant recovery centers pilot program. There shall be established an infant recovery centers pilot program whereby the commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of alcohol and substance abuse services, shall establish at least four infant recovery centers in areas of need in the state. Such centers shall provide cost effective, necessary services and enhance the quality of care for targeted populations in order to demonstrate the effectiveness of such program. Eligible infants shall be under one year of age and suffer from withdrawal resulting from in utero exposure to drugs. Such infant withdrawal may be the result of conditions including, but not limited to, neonatal abstinence syndrome. The program shall provide more appropriate settings and cost effective care for these infants than hospitals, while also providing supports and services to parents preparing to bring their infants home. Access to such supports shall continue for a period after the infant has left a center.

The department shall be responsible for monitoring the quality, appropriateness and effectiveness of the centers and shall report to the legislature within one year of the establishment of the infant recovery centers and again within two years of the effective date of this section on the program's effectiveness.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall expire and be deemed repealed 4 years after such date.

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

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