

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 23, 2020

Introduced by M. of A. McDONALD -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring that information be made available to parents regarding window blind safety; and to repeal certain provisions of such law related thereto

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 2803-j of the public health law,
2 as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2019, amending the public health
3 law relating to requiring that information be made available to parents
4 regarding window blind safety, as proposed in legislative bills numbers
5 S. 4181 and A. 3840, is amended to read as follows:

6 1. The commissioner shall require that every hospital and birth center
7 shall prepare in printed or photocopied form and distribute at the time
8 of pre-booking directly to each prospective maternity patient and, upon
9 request, to the general public an informational leaflet. Such leaflet
10 shall be designed by the commissioner and shall contain brief definitions
11 of maternity related procedures and practices as specified in
12 subdivision two of this section and such other material as deemed appropriate
13 by the commissioner. Hospitals and birth centers may also elect
14 to distribute additional explanatory material along with the maternity
15 patients informational leaflet. The commissioner shall make the information
16 contained in the leaflet available on the department's website [~~and~~
17 ~~shall cause a sufficient number of leaflets to be printed or photocopied~~
18 ~~to allow each pediatric primary care provider in the state to provide~~
19 ~~the leaflet to parents at a child's six month appointment~~].

20 § 2. Subdivision 1-e of section 2803-j of the public health law, as
21 added by a chapter of the laws of 2019, amending the public health law
22 relating to requiring that information be made available to parents
23 regarding window blind safety, as proposed in legislative bills numbers
24 S. 4181 and A. 3840, is REPEALED.

25 § 3. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2509-a
26 to read as follows:

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

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1 § 2509-a. Corded window blind leaflet. The commissioner, in consulta-
2 tion with the secretary of state, shall create a leaflet regarding the
3 danger that corded window blinds pose to children including proper
4 installation of blinds, examples of current standards and the potential
5 fatal consequences from strangulation posed by corded window blinds.
6 Such leaflet shall be posted on the department's website in a printable
7 format to allow each pediatric primary care provider to provide the
8 leaflet to parents at a child's six month well child visit.

9 § 4. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same
10 manner as a chapter of the laws of 2019, amending the public health law
11 relating to requiring that information be made available to parents
12 regarding window blind safety, as proposed in legislative bills numbers
13 S. 4181 and A. 3840, takes effect.