STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

August 12, 2022

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. L. Rosenthal) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to extending legal protection to telehealth providers in the state of New York offering telehealth reproductive health services

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

Section 1. Section 2999-cc of the public health law is amended by adding a new subdivision 8 to read as follows:

8. "Telehealth reproductive health services" means any of the following services provided via telehealth or telemedicine:

(a) abortion pursuant to section twenty-five hundred ninety-nine-bb of this chapter;

(b) emergency contraception as defined in section twenty-eight hundred five-p of this chapter; or

(c) medical, surgical, counseling or referral services relating to the human reproductive system, including services relating to pregnancy or the termination of a pregnancy.

§ 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2999-ff to read as follows:

§ 2999-ff. Telehealth reproductive health services. The provision of telehealth reproductive health services by a telehealth provider located at a distant site within the state of New York shall be legally protected where such service is otherwise permitted under the laws of the state of New York, regardless of the location of the originating site.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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