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## IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring the department of health to conduct education and outreach programs on neonatal abstinence syndrome and the importance of screening, intervention, and counseling for pregnant women

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (g) of subdivision 1 of section 207 of the public  
2 health law, as amended by chapter 465 of the laws of 2015, is amended to  
3 read as follows:

4 (g) Improving birth outcomes, including the importance of preconcep-  
5 tional care, early prenatal care, considerations of health risks during  
6 pregnancy, considerations of benefits and risks of labor and delivery  
7 options including, but not limited to, vaginal and cesarean section  
8 delivery, elective or repeat cesarean sections, and appropriate use of  
9 drugs during delivery. There shall also be education and outreach  
10 concerning: spina bifida, a permanently disabling birth defect occurring  
11 at the end of the first month of pregnancy which involves the incomplete  
12 development of the spinal cord or its coverings, and the importance of  
13 encouraging all women in their child-bearing years to increase their  
14 folic acid intake in order to reduce the incidence of spina bifida;  
15 neonatal abstinence syndrome and the importance of screening, inter-  
16 ventions, and counseling for pregnant women.

17 § 2. 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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