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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SERINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing a child drowning prevention public awareness and education program

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

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2500-i-1 to read as follows:

§ 2500-i-1. Child drowning prevention. 1. The department shall establish criteria for risk factors of drowning by children in various age groups.

2. The department shall conduct an ongoing public awareness and education program on drowning risks, precautions and life-saving procedures, including, but not limited to, listing on its internet website information that assists members of the public in locating infant and child cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes, as well as information related to drowning prevention.

3. The department shall produce and distribute educational materials on drowning risks, precautions and life-saving procedures. Such materials shall be made available to child care centers, pediatricians, nursery and elementary schools, and all other persons or organizations deemed by the commissioner to have an interest in drowning prevention materials and their distribution. The materials shall also be used for distribution to persons in parental relation to children, and to hospitals, birthing centers and other appropriate health care providers for distribution to maternity patients. In addition, such materials shall be provided to health care professionals engaged in the care and treatment of children for distribution to such children and persons in parental relation. The department shall also provide information on drowning risks, precautions and life-saving procedures on the department's internet website. No provision of this subdivision shall be deemed to prohib-

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

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it the utilization and distribution of educational materials relating thereto produced by any public, private or governmental entity, in lieu of the department's production of such materials.

4. The department shall periodically review available data on drowning incidents in children and update the information on drowning risks, precautionary measures and life-saving procedures provided in its educational materials and on its internet website, as appropriate.

5. The department shall report every three years, commencing January first, two thousand twenty-three, to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly on the implementation of this section and any recommendations for furthering the purpose of this section.

6. Implementation of this section shall be contingent upon and shall be conducted within appropriations made therefor.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.