

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

April 11, 2022

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Introduced by Sen. BROUK -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Women's Issues

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to informational leaflets for maternity patients

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 chapter 66 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 1. The commissioner shall require that every hospital and birth center  
5 shall prepare in printed or photocopied form and distribute at the time  
6 of pre-booking directly to each prospective maternity patient and, upon  
7 request, to the general public an informational leaflet. Such leaflet  
8 shall be designed by the commissioner and shall contain brief defini-  
9 tions of maternity related procedures and practices as specified in  
10 subdivision two of this section and such other material as deemed appro-  
11 priate by the commissioner. Hospitals and birth centers may also elect  
12 to distribute additional explanatory material along with the maternity  
13 patients informational leaflet. The commissioner shall make the informa-  
14 tion contained in the leaflet available on the department's website and  
15 shall present all annual statistical information compiled pursuant to  
16 subdivision three of this section on the department's website for the  
17 most recent five years for which such data is available.

18 § 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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