

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

March 24, 2023

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Introduced by Sens. PERSAUD, ADDABBO, FERNANDEZ, SEPULVEDA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Women's Issues -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to permitting expecting and new mothers' access to their doulas

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

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section  
2 2500-m to read as follows:

3 § 2500-m. Access to doulas. When a person is admitted to a maternal  
4 health care facility for delivery and/or inpatient care post-delivery,  
5 such person may designate a doula to have access to such person. The  
6 maternal health care facility shall not deny such person access to such  
7 person's designated doula. For the purposes of this section, the term  
8 "maternal health care facility" shall mean a hospital or freestanding  
9 birthing center providing perinatal services in accordance with article  
10 twenty-eight of this chapter and applicable regulations.

11 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
12 have become a law.

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

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