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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing a video on the dangers of drowning for infants and young children to be viewed by maternity patients and guardians of newborn children

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

Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 2803-j of the public health law, as amended by chapter 431 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:

6. Every hospital and birth center shall request that each maternity patient and [~~father~~] **guardian** of a newborn child, if available, view **(a)** a video presentation, approved by the commissioner, on the dangers of shaking infants and young children, and the symptoms of shaken baby syndrome**, and (b) a video presentation, approved by the commissioner, on the dangers of drowning for infants and young children**. After viewing such [~~a video presentation~~] **video presentations** or upon refusal to view such [~~a video presentation~~] **video presentations**, the hospital or birth center shall request that such patient and/or [~~father~~] **guardian of a newborn child** sign a form stating that they have viewed or refused to view such video [~~presentation~~] **presentations**. All training materials and forms required to implement the provisions of this subdivision shall be provided by the commissioner.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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