

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

February 27, 2023

Introduced by M. of A. PHEFFER AMATO, HEVESI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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 a parent and/or parents of newborn children

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

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

4 6. Every hospital and birth center shall request that [~~each maternity~~  
5 ~~patient and father of~~] a parent and/or parents, which shall mean and  
6 include biological and adoptive parents, guardians, or other persons in  
7 parental relationship to a newborn child, if available, view (a) a video  
8 presentation, approved by the commissioner, on the dangers of shaking  
9 infants and young children, and the symptoms of shaken baby syndrome,  
10 and (b) a video presentation, approved by the commissioner, on the  
11 dangers of drowning for infants and young children. After viewing such  
12 [~~a video presentation~~] video presentations or upon refusal to view such  
13 [~~a video presentation~~] video presentations, the hospital or birth center  
14 shall request that such [~~patient and/or father~~] parent and/or parents  
15 sign a form stating that they have viewed or refused to view such video  
16 [~~presentation~~] presentations. All training materials and forms required  
17 to implement the provisions of this subdivision shall be provided by the  
18 commissioner.

19 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
20 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-  
21 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-  
22 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and  
23 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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