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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- 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 third trimester syphilis testing

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 2308 of the public health law is amended to read as follows:

1. Every physician **or other authorized practitioner** attending pregnant [~~women~~] **patients** in the state shall in the case of every [~~woman~~] **patient** so attended take or cause to be taken a sample of blood of such [~~woman~~] **patient** at the time of first examination, and submit such sample to an approved laboratory for a standard serological test for syphilis. **In addition to testing at the time of first examination, every such physician or other authorized practitioner may order a syphilis test during the third trimester of pregnancy consistent with any guidance and regulations issued by the commissioner.**

§ 2. Subdivision 1 of section 207 of the public health law is amended by adding a new paragraph (r) to read as follows:

(r) congenital syphilis, including information about education and screening.

§ 3. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, any rules and regulations or guidance necessary to implement the provisions of this act on its effective date are authorized to be amended, repealed and/or promulgated on or before such date.

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

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