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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. WEBB -- 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 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:

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

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