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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 requiring certain information about the facility to be included in the informational material provided to prospective maternity patients at all hospitals and birth centers

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

Section 1. Paragraph (m) of subdivision 2 of section 2803-j of the public health law, as amended by chapter 431 of the laws of 2004, is amended and six new paragraphs (n), (o), (p), (q), (r) and (s) are added to read as follows:

(m) whether rooming-in is available in the facility, on the basis of twenty-four hours a day or daytime[~~.~~]*;*

(n) whether the facility conducts safety drills to prepare for obstetric emergencies;

(o) whether the facility participates in quality improvement initiatives;

(p) whether the facility has an agreement and policy to arrange for emergent transfer of care for critically ill pregnant people/infants to higher levels of care (applicable only for those facilities that are not the designated regional perinatal center or a quaternary or tertiary care center with Level III-IV NICU);

(q) whether the facility has a written community needs assessment plan to reduce racial disparities and address community needs;

(r) whether the facility offers, upon patient request, an autopsy for stillbirth; and

(s) whether the facility offers bereavement support for patients that have suffered a stillbirth or third trimester fetal loss.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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