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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

## 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:

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

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

7 (n) whether the facility conducts safety drills to prepare for obstet-  
8 ric emergencies;

9 (o) whether the facility participates in quality improvement initi-  
10 atives;

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

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

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

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

22 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
23 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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