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IN SENATE

April 25, 2023

Introduced by Sen. FERNANDEZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to withholding funding from certain entities who decline to make available, dispense, distribute, or sell a product approved by the federal government which would block, prevent, or otherwise negate a pregnancy

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

Section 1. Section 2599-bb of the public health law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3 to read as follows:

3. The commissioner is authorized to withhold any and all funds due to any retail entity reimbursed from a medical assistance program for income eligible women that declines to make available, dispense, distribute, or sell a product approved by the federal government which would block, prevent, or otherwise negate a pregnancy in any jurisdiction within and subject to such federal government. The commissioner may elect to determine to withhold such funds due to the acts of a retail entity doing business in another state or jurisdiction which has a common ownership or brand with a retail entity doing business in this state.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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