STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 14, 2024

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

AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to nursing employees

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 206-c of the labor law, as added by chapter 672 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Upon request of an employee who chooses to express breast milk in the workplace, an employer shall designate a room or other location which shall be made available for use by such employee to express breast milk. Such room or other location shall be a place that is: (i) in close proximity to the work area; (ii) well lit; (iii) shielded from view; and (iv) free from intrusion from other persons in the workplace or the public. Such room or other location shall provide, at minimum, a chair, a working surface, nearby access to clean running water **or, upon request of an employee who chooses to express breast milk in the workplace, a sink or individual basin designated for the washing of breast pump attachments,** and, if the workplace is supplied with electricity, an electrical outlet. The room or location provided by the employer for this purpose shall not be a restroom or toilet stall.

§ 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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