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Introduced by M. of A. SOLAGES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to requiring certain security features and warning labels on baby monitors

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

Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 399-iii to read as follows:

§ 399-iii. Baby monitors. 1. As used in this section, "baby monitor" means a device that is marketed exclusively for the purpose of broadcasting audio or video of an infant or child. The term shall not include a multi-functional device such as a smart phone, digital video camera, security camera, or other similar device.

2. (a) No retailer, as defined in subdivision eleven of section four hundred ninety-a of this chapter, or secondhand dealer, as defined in subdivision six of section four hundred ninety-a of this chapter, shall sell, offer for sale, lease or otherwise make available in this state a baby monitor that broadcasts audio or video through an internet connection unless it includes: (i) security features to prevent unauthorized users from hearing or viewing activity; and (ii) a label or notice warning consumers of the risks associated with an unsecured baby monitor connection, and the importance of accessing the baby monitor securely and using its security features.

(b) The label or notice required by paragraph (a) of this subdivision shall be displayed in a written, printed, or graphic manner on the box, container, or package of a baby monitor, or shall otherwise accompany the baby monitor at the time of its distribution or sale. The information on the label shall be conspicuous and easily understandable to consumers and be substantially similar to the following:

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

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"WARNING! THIS BABY MONITOR ALLOWS INTERNET USERS TO HEAR OR VIEW ACTIVITY. USE THE SECURITY FEATURES INCLUDED WITH THIS DEVICE TO RESTRICT INTERNET VIEWERSHIP."

3. It shall be a deceptive act and a violation of article twenty-two-A of this chapter to sell or offer for sale any baby monitor without security features and a corresponding warning label, as required pursuant to subdivision two of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.