STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. COMRIE, JACKSON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend public health law, in relation to requiring cytomegalovirus screening for every newborn

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

Section 1. Paragraph (h) of subdivision 1 of section 2500-a of the public health law, as amended by chapter 730 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

(h) [~~With regard to any newborn infant who is identified as, or suspected of, having a hearing impairment as a result of a screening conducted pursuant to section twenty-five hundred-g of this title,~~] **Cytomegalovirus using** a urine polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test [~~for cytomegalovirus, unless the parent of the infant objects thereto~~]; provided that if the commissioner determines that another test for cytomegalovirus is diagnostically equivalent to or better than the urine polymerase chain reaction test, the commissioner may, by regulation under this section, allow or require the use of that other test.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth 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.

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

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