STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 7, 2026

Introduced by Sen. HINCHEY -- 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 prohibiting unregulated pregnancy centers from requiring clients to disclose certain information as a condition of service

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

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new article 25-C to read as follows:

ARTICLE 25-C

RIGHT TO DIGNIFIED CARE ACT

Section 2599-ff. Legislative intent.
2599-gg. Definition.
2599-hh. Prohibited intake questions.
2599-ii. Enforcement.

§ 2599-ff. Legislative intent. The legislature finds that unregulated pregnancy centers also known as crisis pregnancy centers, are facilities that represent themselves as offering comprehensive reproductive health care information and services but are primarily intended to discourage clients from seeking or accessing abortions. Unregulated pregnancy centers commonly ask clients to fill out intake forms that resemble those required by licensed health care providers, including questions about prescription history, sexual history, and other personal medical and lifestyle information. However, clients may not understand that such detailed and personal information is not required given the non-medical nature of services provided by unregulated pregnancy centers, nor is such information protected by rules like the health insurance portability and accountability act or other state and federal laws applicable to regulated health care providers. In practice, the personal information clients provide at unregulated pregnancy centers is often shared with third-party organizations that similarly do not provide health care services. Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to ensure that unregulated pregnancy centers may not require, or institute policies

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

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such that it appears to require, that clients provide such information as a condition of service.

§ 2599-gg. Definition. For purposes of this section, "unregulated pregnancy center" shall mean a facility or entity, the primary purpose of which is to provide determination of pregnancy or pregnancy counseling, that does not provide or refer for a full range of comprehensive reproductive sexual care services; provided, however, that "unregulated pregnancy center" shall not include any facility licensed pursuant to article twenty-eight of this chapter or article thirty-one or thirty-two of the mental hygiene law, or any facility whose primary purpose is to facilitate adoption.

§ 2599-hh. Prohibited intake questions. An unregulated pregnancy center shall not make it a condition of service, or make it reasonably appear to be a condition of service, that a client must disclose any of the following information:

1. lists of, or other information regarding, prescription medications the client takes, the client's current or past illnesses, or the client's medical conditions, except as directly relates to a determination of pregnancy;

2. information regarding the client's sexual history including, but not limited to, the client's age when they first became sexually active, the client's current sexual activity status, or the sexual identity of the client;

3. information regarding the nature of the client's relationship to the potential baby's non-gestational parent, including but not limited to the name or age of the potential baby's non-gestational parent, or whether the client is currently or was previously living with such individual;

4. if the unregulated pregnancy center does not bill health insurance for services, any information regarding the client's insurance status, income, employer, or eligibility for public assistance; or

5. if the unregulated pregnancy center does bill health insurance for services, any information relating to the client's insurance status, income, employer, or eligibility for public assistance, except to the extent necessary to execute such billing.

§ 2599-ii. Enforcement. The attorney general or the district attorney of any county may bring an action in the name of the people of the state to restrain or prevent any violation of this article or any continuance of such violation.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.