STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 8, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to prohibiting the use of infant walkers in child care facilities; and to repeal section 399-kk of the general business law relating to prohibiting the sale of infant walkers and restricting the use of such infant walkers in certain settings

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

Section 1. Section 399-kk of the general business law, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the general business law relating to prohibiting the sale of infant walkers and restricting the use of such infant walkers in certain settings, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 123 and A. 268, is REPEALED.

§ 2. The social services law is amended by adding a new section 390-o to read as follows:

§ 390-o. Prohibit the use of infant walkers in child care facilities. 1. For the purposes of this section:

(a) "Infant walker" shall mean a mobile unit that enables a child to move on a horizontal surface when propelled by the child sitting or standing within the walker.

(b) "Child care facility" shall mean any child day care provider as defined in section three hundred ninety of this title or child care program as defined in article forty-seven of the New York city health code as authorized by section five hundred fifty-eight of the New York city charter.

2. (a) On or after the effective date of this section, no child care facility shall use or have on the premises any infant walker.

(b) The office of children and family services, in consultation with the city of New York department of health and mental hygiene, shall notify child care facilities of the provisions of this subdivision in plain, non-technical language. Such notice shall be given to every child care facility upon the effective date of this section or as soon as practicable thereafter, and such notice shall also be given to each

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

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applicant for license or registration pursuant to section three hundred ninety of this title and each applicant for a permit pursuant to article forty-seven of the New York city health code.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the general business law relating to prohibiting the sale of infant walkers and restricting the use of such infant walkers in certain settings, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 123 and A. 268, takes effect.