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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 23, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law and the state finance law, in relation to establishing a public awareness campaign for maternal depression; and making an appropriation therefor

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

Section 1. Article 25 of the public health law is amended by adding a new title 7-A to read as follows:

TITLE VII-A

MATERNAL DEPRESSION

Section 2597. Public awareness campaign for maternal depression.

§ 2597. Public awareness campaign for maternal depression. There is hereby established within the department a maternal depression awareness program to educate the public and maternal health care providers about the risks and remedies associated with maternal depression.

§ 2. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 97-bbbbb to read as follows:

§ 97-bbbbb. Maternal depression fund. 1. There is hereby established in the joint custody of the state comptroller and the commissioner of taxation and finance a fund to be known as the "maternal depression fund".

2. The fund shall consist of all monies appropriated for its purpose, and all monies required by any provision of law to be paid into or credited to such fund. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the department of health from receiving grants, gifts or bequests for the purposes of the fund as defined in this section and depositing them into the fund according to law.

3. Monies shall be payable from the fund on the audit and warrant of the state comptroller on vouchers approved and certified by the commissioner of health.

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

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§ 3. The sum of twenty million dollars ($20,000,000) is hereby appropriated to the department of health out of any moneys in the state treasury in the general fund to the credit of the state purposes account, not otherwise appropriated, and made immediately available, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act. Such moneys shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the commissioner of health in the manner prescribed by law.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.