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*2019 Legislative Memo...*

*In Opposition to...*

**S. 2264 -Hoylman (On Comm Agenda)    A. 2352 – Glick**

**Purpose:** To require crisis pregnancy centers to disclose accurate and straightforward information regarding their medical licensure, as well as offered and encouraged services.

**Party Position:** This bill is not about the disclosure of accurate information as claimed, rather, it seeks to compel crisis pregnancy centers to make certain disclosures to prospective clients.

A crisis pregnancy center, even as defined by this bill means an organization whose primary purpose is to provide pregnancy counseling, assistance and/or information, whether for a fee or as a free service, but does not perform abortions or refer for abortions, yet are requiring —“upon first communication or first contact” with prospective clients—to disclose that they do not provide abortion or birth control services or make referrals for such services.

The legislation would allow anyone who believes that a crisis pregnancy center has failed to communicate the mandated disclosure to complain to the State of New York; that complaint, in turn, would trigger an investigation by the New York State Department of Health.

Violators would be fined up to \$250 for each violation.

The bill is heavy-handed, unnecessary and designed to intimidate those who offer an alternative to abortion. Also, we believe the legislation would be vulnerable to a constitutional challenge on First Amendment grounds.

The NYS Conservative Party is opposed to this proposed bill.

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