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By: Senator Feldman

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Public Health - Maternal Mental Health

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in 4 consultation with stakeholders, to identify certain information about perinatal mood 5 and anxiety disorders; requiring the Department to make available certain 6 information on the Department's Web site and to provide certain information to 7 certain health care facilities and certain health care providers; requiring the 8 Department, in collaboration with certain professional associations and public 9 health entities, to identify and develop certain training programs; requiring the Department to identify methods to expand the Behavioral Health Integration in 10 11 Pediatric Primary Care Program for a certain purpose; defining certain terms; and 12 generally relating to maternal mental health.

- 13 BY adding to
- 14 Article Health General
- 15 Section 20–1801 through 20–1803 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 18.
- 16 Maternal Mental Health"
- 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 18 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)
- 19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 21 Article Health General
- 22 SUBTITLE 18. MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH.
- 23 **20–1801.**

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1 (A) **(1)** IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED. "HEALTH CARE FACILITY" MEANS A FACILITY OR AN OFFICE 3 **(2)** (I) WHERE HEALTH OR MEDICAL CARE IS PROVIDED TO PATIENTS BY A HEALTH CARE 4 5 PROVIDER. 6 (II) "HEALTH CARE FACILITY" INCLUDES A HOSPITAL AND A 7 LIMITED SERVICE HOSPITAL. 8 "HEALTH CARE PROVIDER" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS LICENSED, **(3)** CERTIFIED, OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS 9 ARTICLE TO PROVIDE HEALTH OR MEDICAL CARE IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF 10 BUSINESS OR PRACTICE OF A PROFESSION. 11 12**(4)** "HOSPITAL" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 19-301 OF THIS 13 ARTICLE. "LIMITED SERVICE HOSPITAL" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 14 19-301 OF THIS ARTICLE. 15 16 THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS, SHALL IDENTIFY UP-TO-DATE, EVIDENCE-BASED, WRITTEN INFORMATION ABOUT 17 PERINATAL MOOD AND ANXIETY DISORDERS THAT: 18 19 **(1)** HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY MEDICAL EXPERTS AND NATIONAL AND 20LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS SPECIALIZING IN MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH; 21**(2)** IS DESIGNED FOR USE BY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND 22 PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES; 23 (3) IS CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE FOR 24POTENTIAL RECIPIENTS OF THE INFORMATION; AND **INCLUDES:** 25**(4)** (I)26 **INFORMATION ADDRESSING:** 271. THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF PERINATAL MOOD AND 28**ANXIETY DISORDERS:**

PERINATAL MEDICATION USAGE;

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- 1 3. RISK FACTORS OF PERINATAL MOOD AND ANXIETY 2 DISORDERS, INCLUDING PERINATAL LOSS AND HIGH-RISK PREGNANCY;
- 4. How and when to screen for symptoms of 4 Perinatal mood and anxiety disorders;
- 5. Brief intervention strategies; and
- 6. EVIDENCE-BASED PSYCHOSOCIAL TREATMENTS; AND
- 7 (II) CONTACT INFORMATION FOR NATIONAL AND LOCAL 8 MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.
- 9 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:
- 10 (1) PROVIDE THE INFORMATION IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT
- 11 UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION TO HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND
- 12 HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS THAT PROVIDE PRENATAL CARE, LABOR AND DELIVERY
- 13 SERVICES, AND POSTNATAL CARE TO EXPECTANT PARENTS; AND
- 14 (2) MAKE THE INFORMATION IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT
- 15 UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEB
- 16 **SITE.**
- 17 **20–1802.**
- THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND
- 19 STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY, THE MARYLAND NURSES ASSOCIATION, THE MARYLAND
- 20 AFFILIATE OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF NURSE MIDWIVES, THE MARYLAND
- 21 PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, AND ANY OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
- 22 ASSOCIATION OR PUBLIC HEALTH ENTITY IN THE STATE IDENTIFIED BY THE
- 23 DEPARTMENT, SHALL IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT
- 24 IMPROVE EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION AND PERINATAL
- 25 MOOD AND ANXIETY DISORDERS.
- 26 **20–1803.**
- 27 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IDENTIFY METHODS TO EXPAND THE BEHAVIORAL
- 28 HEALTH INTEGRATION IN PEDIATRIC PRIMARY CARE PROGRAM TO ASSIST
- 29 OBSTETRIC, PRIMARY CARE, PEDIATRIC, AND OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN
- 30 ADDRESSING THE EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF PREGNANT AND
- 31 POSTPARTUM WOMEN.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.