SENATE BILL 356

By: **Senators Nathan–Pulliam, Benson, Carter, Eckardt, Elfreth, Ellis, Ferguson, Hayes, Kagan, Kelley, Klausmeier, Lam, Lee, McCray, Patterson, Smith, Washington, and Young**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health – Maternal Mortality Review Program – Reporting Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health to include in a certain annual report
4   regarding the Maternal Mortality Review Program a section on racial disparities
5   that includes certain information; and generally relating to the Maternal Mortality
6   Review Program.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8   Article – Health – General
9   Section 13–1207
10   Annotated Code of Maryland
11   (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

12   SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

15 13–1207.

16   (a)   On or before December 1 of each year, the Secretary shall submit a report on
17 findings, recommendations, and Program actions to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1246
18 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.

19   (b)   The Secretary shall include in the report required under subsection (a) of this
20 section **[**a**]**:

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
     [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

1   **(1)**   **A** summary of any stakeholder meetings held under § 13–1208 of this
2   subtitle during the immediately preceding 12–month period that includes:

3   **[**(1)**]** **(I)**   Stakeholder responses to existing recommendations; and

4   **[**(2)**]** **(II)**   Recommendations from stakeholders that address factors
5   contributing to maternal mortality**; AND**

6   **(2)**   **A SECTION ON RACIAL DISPARITIES THAT INCLUDES:**

7   **(I)**   **A COMPARISON OF THE MATERNAL MORTALITY RATES OF**
8   **NON–HISPANIC BLACK AND NON–HISPANIC WHITE WOMEN; AND**

9   **(II)**   **DATA ON CHANGES IN THE MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE BY**
10 **RACE AND ETHNICITY**.

11   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2019.