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By: **Delegate Stern**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maternal Mortality Review Program - Termination Provision - Repeal**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the termination provision of the Maternal Mortality

4 Review Program; and generally relating to the Maternal Mortality Review

5 Program.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Chapter 74 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000

8 Section 2

9 **Preamble**

10 WHEREAS, The General Assembly found in 2000 that maternal deaths were a
11 serious public health concern that had a tremendous family and societal impact and
12 that maternal deaths were significantly underestimated and inadequately
13 documented, preventing efforts to identify and reduce or eliminate the causes of
14 death; and

15 WHEREAS, The General Assembly also found in 2000 that the State did not
16 have a process for the confidential identification, investigation, or dissemination of
17 findings regarding maternal deaths and found a need to establish a maternal
18 mortality review program to review maternal deaths and to develop strategies for the
19 prevention of maternal deaths; and

20 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland enacted the Maternal Mortality
21 Review Program on April 25, 2000; and

1 WHEREAS, The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene established the
2 Program to review maternal deaths and to develop strategies for the prevention of
3 maternal deaths in Maryland; and

4 WHEREAS, The Program has successfully fulfilled its objectives; and

5 WHEREAS, Maternal deaths are still a serious public health concern, however,
6 and there is still a need for the Program to continue in existence in order to review
7 maternal deaths and develop strategies for the prevention of maternal deaths; now,
8 therefore,

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

11 **Chapter 74 of the Acts of 2000**

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2000. [It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of
14 September 30, 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
15 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 June 1, 2003.