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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health – Maternal Mortality Review Program – Recommendations and**
3 **Reporting Requirement**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maternal Mortality Review Program, in consultation with
5 the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, to make recommendations to
6 reduce any disparities in the maternal mortality rate; requiring the Secretary of
7 Health to include in a certain annual report regarding the Maternal Mortality
8 Review Program a section on racial disparities that includes certain information; and
9 generally relating to the Maternal Mortality Review Program.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Health – General
12 Section 13–1204 and 13–1207
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Health – General**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 13-1204.

2 (a) The Secretary may contract with the Faculty to administer the Maternal
3 Mortality Review Program.

4 (b) In consultation with the maternal child health committee of a faculty, the
5 Secretary shall develop a system to:

6 (1) Identify maternal death cases;

7 (2) Review medical records and other relevant data;

8 (3) Contact family members and other affected or involved persons to
9 collect additional relevant data;

10 (4) Consult with relevant experts to evaluate the records and data
11 collected;

12 (5) Make determinations regarding the preventability of maternal deaths;

13 (6) Develop recommendations for the prevention of maternal deaths; and

14 (7) Disseminate findings and recommendations to policy makers, health
15 care providers, health care facilities, and the general public.

16 (c) In accordance with § 4-221 of this article and notwithstanding § 4-224 of this
17 article, the Secretary may provide the Program with a copy of the death certificate of any
18 woman whose death is suspected to have been a maternal death.

19 **(D) THE MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW PROGRAM, IN CONSULTATION**
20 **WITH THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES, SHALL MAKE**
21 **RECOMMENDATIONS TO REDUCE ANY DISPARITIES IN THE MATERNAL MORTALITY**
22 **RATE INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF**
23 **HEALTH.**

24 13-1207.

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

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

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 (III) THE NUMBER OF LIVE BIRTHS BY RACE;

12 (IV) THE PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN WHO GAVE BIRTH BY RACE;

13 (V) THE PERCENTAGE OF MATERNAL DEATHS BY RACE AND
14 ETHNICITY;

15 (VI) THE MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE BY RACE;

16 (VII) A COMPARISON OF THE LEADING CAUSES OF MATERNAL
17 DEATH BY RACE; AND

18 (VIII) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE SECRETARY
19 DETERMINES NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.