

SENATE BILL 356

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ENROLLED BILL

— Finance/Health and Government Operations —

Introduced 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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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

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

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

5 **Article – Health – General**

6 13-1204.

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

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

11 (1) Identify maternal death cases;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 13-1207.

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

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

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

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

9 [(2)] (II) Recommendations from stakeholders that address factors
10 contributing to maternal mortality; AND

11 (2) A SECTION ON RACIAL DISPARITIES THAT INCLUDES:

12 (I) A COMPARISON OF THE MATERNAL MORTALITY RATES OF
13 NON–HISPANIC BLACK AND NON–HISPANIC WHITE WOMEN; ~~AND~~

14 (II) DATA ON CHANGES IN THE MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE BY
15 RACE AND ETHNICITY;

16 (III) THE NUMBER OF LIVE BIRTHS BY RACE;

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

18 (V) THE PERCENTAGE OF MATERNAL DEATHS BY RACE AND
19 ETHNICITY;

20 (VI) THE MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE BY RACE;

21 (VII) A COMPARISON OF THE LEADING CAUSES OF MATERNAL
22 DEATH BY RACE; AND

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

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