

# SENATE BILL 356

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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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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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:

14 **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.

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

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

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

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

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

9 (I) A COMPARISON OF THE MATERNAL MORTALITY RATES OF  
10 NON-HISPANIC BLACK AND NON-HISPANIC WHITE WOMEN; AND

11 (II) DATA ON CHANGES IN THE MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE BY  
12 RACE AND ETHNICITY.

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.