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BY: Health Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 348
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “altering” in line 4 down through “call” in line 9 and substitute “requiring, under certain circumstances, a hospital or freestanding birthing center to seek to make direct contact with a birthing parent after the delivery of a newborn following a high-risk pregnancy in a certain manner”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in lines 10 and 27, in each instance, strike “CONTACT” and substitute “Call”; after line 12, insert:

“(B) (1) IF A HOSPITAL HAS NOT MADE CONTACT WITH A BIRTHING PARENT AFTER FIRST MAKING A CALL UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(3) OF THIS SECTION, THE HOSPITAL SHALL SEEK TO MAKE DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE BIRTHING PARENT BY:

(I) E-MAIL WITH RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED;

(II) TEXT MESSAGE TO A DIRECT NUMBER; OR

(III) ANOTHER MEANS OF DIRECT COMMUNICATION.

(2) A HOSPITAL MAY NOT SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION BY SENDING A MESSAGE THROUGH A PATIENT PORTAL.”;

in lines 13 and 30, in each instance, strike “(b)” and substitute “(C)”; and after line 29, insert:

“(B) (1) IF A FREESTANDING BIRTHING CENTER HAS NOT MADE CONTACT WITH A BIRTHING PARENT AFTER FIRST MAKING A CALL UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(3) OF THIS SECTION, THE FREESTANDING BIRTHING CENTER SHALL SEEK TO MAKE DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE BIRTHING PARENT BY:

- (I) E-MAIL WITH RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED;
- (II) TEXT MESSAGE TO A DIRECT NUMBER; OR
- (III) ANOTHER MEANS OF DIRECT COMMUNICATION.

(2) A FREESTANDING BIRTHING CENTER MAY NOT SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION BY SENDING A MESSAGE THROUGH A PATIENT PORTAL.”.