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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 262 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY SCHWANK, HAYWOOD, COLLETT, DILLON, FONTANA, FLYNN,  
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JANUARY 31, 2023

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REFERRED TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, JANUARY 31, 2023

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 9, 2018 (P.L.118, No.24), entitled "An  
2 act establishing the Maternal Mortality Review Committee and  
3 providing for its powers and duties; providing for duties of  
4 the Department of Health; and imposing a penalty," further  
5 providing for maternal mortality review committee, for  
6 purpose and duties of committee and for confidentiality and  
7 protection of collected data, proceedings and activities.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 4 of the act of May 9, 2018 (P.L.118,  
11 No.24), known as the Maternal Mortality Review Act, is amended  
12 by adding a subsection to read:

13 Section 4. Maternal Mortality Review Committee.

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15 (i) Severe maternal morbidity data.--The department shall  
16 annually publish severe maternal morbidity data using  
17 hospitalization discharge data obtained from the Pennsylvania  
18 Health Care Cost Containment Council.

19 Section 2. Section 5(b)(5) of the act is amended to read:

1 Section 5. Purpose and duties of committee.

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3 (b) Duties.--The following apply:

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5 (5) The committee shall disseminate aggregated,  
6 nonindividually identifiable findings and recommendations at  
7 least every [three years] year to the secretary, the  
8 chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee of the  
9 Senate, the chairperson of the Health Committee of the House  
10 of Representatives, health care providers, health care  
11 facilities and the general public.

12 Section 3. Section 7 of the act is amended by adding a  
13 subsection to read:

14 Section 7. Confidentiality and protection of collected data,  
15 proceedings and activities.

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17 (b.1) Reporting.--The committee shall categorize maternal  
18 deaths and severe maternal morbidity complications as reportable  
19 events and shall submit an annual report including each  
20 reportable event to the department.

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22 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 90 days.