

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 262 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY SCHWANK, HAYWOOD, COLLETT, DILLON, FONTANA, FLYNN, HUGHES, BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, CAPPELLETTI, SANTARSIERO, COMMITTA, COSTA, L. WILLIAMS, KEARNEY, SAVAL, MUTH, STREET AND KANE, JANUARY 31, 2023

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, JUNE 5, 2023

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, AND 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. THIS DATA ALSO SHALL BE <--
19 INCLUDED IN THE REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE COMMITTEE UNDER SECTION

1 5(B)(5).

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

3 Section 5. Purpose and duties of committee.

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

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

14 ~~Section 3. Section 7 of the act is amended by adding a~~ <--
15 ~~subsection to read:~~

16 ~~Section 7. Confidentiality and protection of collected data,~~
17 ~~proceedings and activities.~~

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

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24 ~~Section 4.~~ This act shall take effect in 90 days.