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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Maternal Mortality Review Program – Stakeholders**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the stakeholders required to be included in a certain meeting
4 convened under the Maternal Mortality Review Program; requiring that, to the
5 extent practicable, certain stakeholders convened under the ~~Maternal Mortality~~
6 ~~Review~~ Program reflect certain racial and ethnic diversity; making a conforming
7 change; requiring the Secretary of Health, when convening a certain workgroup, to
8 contact certain organizations for a certain purpose; requiring the Secretary to ensure
9 that certain organizations and individuals comprise a majority of a certain
10 workgroup; and generally relating to the Maternal Mortality Review Program.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

12 Article – Health – General

13 Section 13-1213

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2019 Replacement Volume)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Health – General**

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 13–1213.

2 (a) **(1) ~~At~~ SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AT** least
 3 twice a year, the Secretary shall convene a meeting of stakeholders, including
 4 ~~representatives:~~

5 **(I) REPRESENTATIVES** of:

6 [(1)] ~~(I)~~ **1.** The Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health
 7 Disparities;

8 [(2)] ~~(II)~~ **2.** The Maryland Patient Safety Center;

9 [(3)] ~~(III)~~ **3.** The Maryland Healthy Start Program;

10 [(4)] ~~(IV)~~ **4.** Women’s health advocacy organizations;

11 [(5)] ~~(V)~~ **5.** Community organizations engaged in maternal health
 12 and family support issues;

13 ~~[(6)] ~~(VI)~~ Families that have experienced a maternal death;~~

14 [(7)] ~~(VII)~~ **6.** Local health departments; and

15 [(8)] ~~(VIII)~~ **7.** Health care providers that provide maternal health
 16 services; **AND**

17 **(II) 1. FAMILIES OF WOMEN WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED A**
 18 **NEAR MATERNAL DEATH, A HIGH-RISK PREGNANCY, OTHER CHALLENGES DURING**
 19 **PREGNANCY, OR A MATERNAL DEATH; OR**

20 **2. WOMEN WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED A NEAR MATERNAL**
 21 **DEATH, A HIGH-RISK PREGNANCY, OR OTHER CHALLENGES DURING PREGNANCY.**

22 **(2) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE STAKEHOLDERS CONVENED**
 23 **IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL REFLECT THE**
 24 **RACIAL AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY OF WOMEN MOST IMPACTED BY MATERNAL DEATHS**
 25 **IN THE STATE.**

26 (b) Of the two meetings required under subsection (a) of this section:

27 (1) One meeting shall be held within 90 days after submission of the report
 28 required under § 13–1212 of this subtitle to:

- 1 (i) Review the findings and recommendations in the report;
- 2 (ii) Examine issues resulting in disparities in maternal deaths;
- 3 (iii) Review the status of implementation of previous
4 recommendations; and
- 5 (iv) Identify new recommendations with a focus on initiatives to
6 address issues resulting in disparities in maternal deaths; and
- 7 (2) One meeting shall be held within 6 months after the meeting held under
8 item (1) of this subsection to review the status of implementation of previous
9 recommendations and consider any new information that may be relevant for the
10 identification of additional recommendations.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

12 (a) The Secretary of Health, when convening the stakeholder workgroup required
13 under § 13-1213(a) of the Health – General Article, shall contact the following
14 organizations to seek input and recruitment support:

- 15 (1) MOMCares;
- 16 (2) Nzuri Malkia Birth Collective;
- 17 (3) CASA de Maryland;
- 18 (4) the Bloom Collective;
- 19 (5) Mommy Up;
- 20 (6) Catholic Charities;
- 21 (7) Mamatoto Village;
- 22 (8) MotherlandCo., Inc.;
- 23 (9) Peaceful Earth Graceful Birth;
- 24 (10) Advocates for Children and Youth;
- 25 (11) NARAL Pro-Choice MD;
- 26 (12) Reproductive Justice Inside; and
- 27 (13) Health Care for the Homeless.

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1 (b) To the extent practicable, the Secretary shall make every effort to ensure that
2 women’s organizations and women impacted by maternal death comprise a majority of the
3 workgroup.

4 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2020.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.