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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISTRIBUTION OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS REGARDING INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE TOWARD PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM PATIENTS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (g) of section 19a-59i of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
5 *passage*):

6 (g) [Not later than January 1, 2023, the maternal mortality review
7 committee] The Department of Public Health shall develop educational
8 materials regarding:

9 (1) The health and safety of pregnant and postpartum persons with
10 mental health disorders, including, but not limited to, perinatal mood
11 and anxiety disorders, for distribution by the [Department of Public

12 Health] department to each birthing hospital in the state. As used in this
13 subdivision, "birthing hospital" means a health care facility, as defined
14 in section 19a-630, operated and maintained in whole or in part for the
15 purpose of caring for patients during the delivery of a child and for a
16 postpartum person and such person's newborn following birth;

17 (2) Evidence-based screening tools for screening patients for intimate
18 partner violence, peripartum mood disorders and substance use
19 disorder for distribution by the [Department of Public Health]
20 department to obstetricians and other health care providers who
21 practice obstetrics; [and]

22 (3) Indicators of intimate partner violence for distribution by the
23 [Department of Public Health] department to (A) hospitals for use by
24 health care providers in the emergency department and hospital social
25 workers, and (B) obstetricians and other health care providers who
26 practice obstetrics; and

27 (4) Not later than January 1, 2025, intimate partner violence toward
28 pregnant and postpartum persons for distribution by the department
29 (A) in print to each birthing hospital and birth center in the state, and
30 (B) electronically to obstetricians and other health care providers who
31 practice obstetrics for provision to pregnant and postpartum patients.
32 The department shall consult with organizations that advocate on behalf
33 of victims of domestic violence in the development of educational
34 materials pursuant to this subdivision.

35 Sec. 2. Section 19a-490ee of the general statutes is repealed and the
36 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

37 (a) As used in this section, (1) "birthing hospital" means a health care
38 facility, as defined in section 19a-630, operated and maintained in whole
39 or in part for the purpose of caring for a person during the delivery of a
40 child and for a postpartum person and such person's newborn following
41 birth; and (2) "birth center" has the same meaning as provided in section
42 19a-490.

43 (b) [On and after October 1, 2022, each] Each birthing hospital shall
44 provide to each patient who has undergone a caesarean section written
45 information regarding the importance of mobility following a caesarean
46 section and the risks associated with immobility following a caesarean
47 section.

48 (c) [Not later than January 1, 2023, each] Each birthing hospital shall
49 establish a patient portal through which a postpartum patient can
50 virtually access, through an Internet web site or application, any
51 educational materials and other information that the birthing hospital
52 provided to the patient during the patient's stay at the birthing hospital
53 and at the time of the patient's discharge from the birthing hospital.

54 (d) [On and after January 1, 2023, each] Each birthing hospital shall
55 provide to each postpartum patient the educational materials regarding
56 the health and safety of pregnant and postpartum persons with mental
57 health disorders, including, but not limited to, perinatal mood and
58 anxiety disorders, developed by the maternal mortality review
59 committee pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (g) of section 19a-
60 59i, as amended by this act.

61 (e) On and after January 1, 2025, each birthing hospital and birth
62 center shall provide to each pregnant and postpartum patient the
63 educational materials regarding intimate partner violence toward
64 pregnant and postpartum persons, developed by the Department of
65 Public Health pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (g) of section
66 19a-59i, as amended by this act."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	19a-59i(g)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	19a-490ee