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SYNOPSIS

Requires DOH to develop New Jersey Report Card of Hospital Maternity Care.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning hospitals and supplementing Title 26 of the
2 Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. The Commissioner of Health shall gather and compile
8 information necessary to develop a New Jersey Report Card of
9 Hospital Maternity Care, as provided for in this act. The report
10 card, which shall be updated annually and made available on the
11 website of the Department of Health, shall be designed to inform
12 members of the public about maternity care provided in each
13 general hospital licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et
14 seq.), so that a member of the public is able to make an informed
15 comparison.

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17 2. For each hospital, the report card shall include:

18 a. the number of vaginal deliveries performed;

19 b. the number of cesarean deliveries performed; and

20 c. the rate of complications experienced by a patient receiving
21 maternity care:

22 (1) for a vaginal delivery, which shall include the rate of
23 maternal hemorrhage, laceration, infection, or other complication as
24 prescribed by the Commissioner of Health; and

25 (2) for a cesarean delivery, which shall include the rate of
26 maternal hemorrhage, infection, operative complication, or other
27 complication as prescribed by the Commissioner of Health.

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29 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2 of this act to the
30 contrary, the commissioner shall revise or add complications or
31 other factors to be included in the report card based on maternal
32 quality indicators as may be recommended by the American
33 Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

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35 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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40 This bill requires the Commissioner of Health to gather and
41 compile information necessary to develop a New Jersey Report
42 Card of Hospital Maternity Care. The report card is to be designed
43 to inform members of the public about maternity care provided by
44 each general hospital licensed pursuant to P.L.1971,
45 c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.), and would be made available on the
46 website of the Department of Health and updated annually.

47 For each hospital, the report card is to include the number of
48 vaginal deliveries performed, the number of cesarean deliveries

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1 performed, and the rates of certain complications listed in the bill,
2 based on the type of delivery.

3 The bill also provides that the commissioner is to revise or add
4 factors to be included in the report card based on maternal quality
5 indicators as may be recommended by the American Congress of
6 Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

7 According to an article in the August 2014 edition of the
8 magazine Health Affairs, the rate of obstetrical complications varies
9 across hospitals. This bill is intended to help families select a
10 hospital based on information about maternity care at hospitals in
11 the State.