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Maternal Health Accountability Act of 2017

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Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Apr 26, 2018
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		May 8, 2018
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 8, 2018
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		May 10, 2018
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Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		May 21, 2018
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		May 22, 2018
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 4, 2018
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jun 13, 2018
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Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jun 26, 2018
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 26, 2018
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 27, 2018
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 28, 2018
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Aug 1, 2018
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Aug 15, 2018
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Sep 12, 2018
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 15, 2018

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Nov 29, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 9, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1318	Related bill	Dec 21, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-344.

Summary (as of May 11, 2017)

Maternal Health Accountability Act of 2017

This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish a program under which HHS may make grants to states (including federally recognized Indian tribes and organizations) for the purpose of: (1) reviewing pregnancy-related and pregnancy-associated deaths (maternal deaths); (2) establishing and sustaining a maternal mortality review committee to review relevant information; (3) ensuring that the state department of health develops a plan for ongoing health care provider education in order to improve the quality of maternal care, disseminate findings, and implement recommendations; (4) disseminating a case abstraction form to aid information collection for HHS review and preserve its uniformity; and (5) providing for the public disclosure of information included in state reports.

The bill defines "pregnancy-associated death" as the death of a woman while pregnant or during the one-year period following the date of the end of pregnancy, irrespective of the cause of death. It defines "pregnancy-related death" as the death of a woman while pregnant or during the one-year period following the date of the end of pregnancy, irrespective of the pregnancy's duration, from any cause related to, or aggravated by, the pregnancy or its management, excluding any accidental or incidental cause.

States shall develop procedures for mandatory reporting to their departments of health by health facilities and professionals concerning maternal deaths and for voluntary reporting of such deaths by family members.

States shall investigate each case and prepare a case summary for each case, to be reviewed by the committee and included in applicable reports.

The bill amends the Public Health Service Act to direct HHS to take specified steps to eliminate disparities in maternal health outcomes.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 9, 2018:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Reported by Senator Alexander with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Jul 9, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 502.
- **Jun 26, 2018:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 11, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 11, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.