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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**SENATE**

**123RD LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 241, L.D. 792, Bill, "An Act Concerning Postpartum Mental Health Education"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, To Direct the Department of Health and Human Services To Review and Report on Efforts Concerning Postpartum Mental Health Education'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Work group. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall convene, in coordination with the Maine Primary Care Association, a work group that will review existing efforts in Maine concerning education and screening for postpartum depression. In addition to the Department of Health and Human Services and the Maine Primary Care Association, the work group must include the Maine Medical Association; the Perinatal Mental Health Alliance of Southern Maine; Southern Maine Medical Center; Mid Coast Hospital; the Postpartum Support Center of Maine; Postpartum Support International, Maine Chapter; other related advocacy groups; and representatives of medical and mental health professionals and groups as well as hospitals with expertise in primary or family care, obstetrics, gynecology, pediatrics, postpartum depression and other interested parties; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Charge of work group. Resolved:** That the work group under section 1 shall review efforts for screening and education related to postpartum depression, including but not limited to:

- 1. Projects initiated by health care providers aimed at the early screening and treatment of depression, including but not limited to the projects of Maine Medical Center's outpatient clinics and health care system; St. Mary's Regional Medical Center; MaineGeneral Health; the Federally Qualified Health Centers, as determined by the

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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1 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Licensing and Regulatory  
2 Services; the Maine Health Access Foundation; the Department of Health and Human  
3 Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, MaineCare and adult and  
4 children's mental health offices; and health care providers in obstetrics and gynecology  
5 practices and pediatrics;

6 2. The Maine Health Access Foundation's study on barriers to integration of mental  
7 health care into health care settings, including regulatory, licensing and reimbursement  
8 barriers to the provision of screening and treatment of postpartum depression and other  
9 mental health disorders;

10 3. Ongoing efforts for screening within the Department of Health and Human  
11 Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Behavioral Risk Factor  
12 Surveillance System and Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System, the federal  
13 Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children and the  
14 department's home visiting program and the department's public health and mental health  
15 work group's assessment of screening tools for mental health and recommendations for  
16 tracking, education and treatment; and

17 4. Projects implemented in New York, Illinois, New Jersey, New Hampshire and  
18 other states, with a description of programs, tools, implementation strategies, results and  
19 funding sources; and be it further

20 **Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That the work group under section 1 shall provide a  
21 report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services with findings and  
22 recommendations, including any necessary legislation, for changes in regulations,  
23 standards and policies no later than January 15, 2008. The joint standing committee is  
24 authorized to submit legislation related to the subject matter of the report to the Second  
25 Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This amendment replaces the bill and requires the Department of Health and Human  
28 Services to convene, in coordination with the Maine Primary Care Association, a work  
29 group that will review existing efforts in Maine and projects in other states concerning  
30 education and screening for postpartum depression. The bill specifies projects that must  
31 be included in the review and requires the work group to report findings and  
32 recommendations including legislation by January 15, 2008. The bill authorizes the Joint  
33 Standing Committee on Health and Human Services to submit legislation to the Second  
34 Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

35 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
36 (See attached)



Approved: 05/07/07 *MCC*

# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 792

LR 319(02)

## An Act Concerning Postpartum Mental Health Education

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A "

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs associated with the workgroup concerning education and screening for postpartum depression can be absorbed by the Department of Health and Human Services utilizing existing budgeted resources.