

## Calendar No. 338

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION**H. R. 3838**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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**AN ACT**

To amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize Federal support of States in their work to save and sustain the health of mothers during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period, to eliminate disparities in maternal health outcomes for pregnancy-related and pregnancy-associated deaths, to identify solutions to improve health care quality and health outcomes for mothers, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Preventing Maternal  
5 Deaths Reauthorization Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. SAFE MOTHERHOOD.**

2 (a) **MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW COMMITTEES.**—

3 Section 317K(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
4 U.S.C. 247b–12(d)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “(includ-  
6 ing obstetricians and gynecologists)” after “clinical  
7 specialties”; and

8 (2) in paragraph (3)(A)(i)—

9 (A) in subclause (I), by striking “as appli-  
10 cable” and inserting “if available”; and

11 (B) in subclause (III), by striking “, as ap-  
12 propriate” and inserting “and coordinating with  
13 death certifiers to improve the collection of  
14 death record reports and the quality of death  
15 records, including by amending cause-of-death  
16 information on a death certificate, as appro-  
17 priate”.

18 (b) **BEST PRACTICES RELATING TO THE PREVEN-**  
19 **TION OF MATERNAL MORTALITY.**—Section 317K of the  
20 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–12) is amend-  
21 ed—

22 (1) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as  
23 subsections (f) and (g), respectively; and

24 (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-  
25 lowing:

1       “(e) BEST PRACTICES RELATING TO THE PREVEN-  
2 TION OF MATERNAL MORTALITY.—

3           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting  
4 through the Director of the Centers for Disease  
5 Control and Prevention, shall, in consultation with  
6 the Administrator of the Health Resources and Serv-  
7 ices Administration, disseminate to hospitals, State  
8 professional society groups, and perinatal quality  
9 collaboratives, best practices on how to prevent ma-  
10 ternal mortality and morbidity that consider and re-  
11 flect best practices identified through other relevant  
12 Federal maternal health programs.

13           “(2) FREQUENCY.—The Secretary, acting  
14 through the Director of the Centers for Disease  
15 Control and Prevention, shall disseminate the best  
16 practices referred to in paragraph (1) not less than  
17 once per fiscal year.”.

18       (c) EXTENSION.—Subsection (g) of section 317K of  
19 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–12), as  
20 redesignated by subsection (b), is amended by striking  
21 “\$58,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023”





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