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SENATE BILL NO. 1296

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-134.01 of the Code of Virginia, relating to information to be made available to maternity patients, etc.

Patron—Wampler

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 32.1-134.01 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 32.1-134.01. Certain information required for maternity patients.

Every licensed nurse midwife or hospital providing maternity care shall, prior to releasing each maternity patient, make available to such patient and, if possible, to the father of the infant, other relevant family members, caretakers, or significant others, information about the incidence of postpartum blues and perinatal depression and information designed to increase awareness of shaken baby syndrome and the dangers of shaking infants; e.g., brain damage causing learning disabilities, visual impairments, seizures, behavioral disorders, speech impairments, and even death. This information shall be discussed, in so far as possible, with the maternity patient and the father of the infant, other relevant family members, caretakers, or significant others.

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