

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

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

[S 1296]

Approved

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, *licensed midwife*, or hospital providing maternity care shall, prior to releasing each maternity patient, make available to such patient and, *if present, to the father of the infant, other relevant family members, or caretakers*, information about the incidence of postpartum blues and perinatal depression *and information to increase awareness of shaken baby syndrome and the dangers of shaking infants*. This information shall be discussed with the maternity patient *and the father of the infant, other relevant family members, or caretakers who are present at discharge*.