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SENATE BILL NO. 1296

FLOOR AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by Senator Wampler

on February 8, 2005)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Wampler)

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.

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, or caretakers*, 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; for example, 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, or caretakers.*

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