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HOUSE BILL NO. 2613

Offered January 9, 2019

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 32.1-134.01 of the Code of Virginia, relating to information for maternity patients; perinatal anxiety.*

Patrons—Delaney, Adams, D.M., Aird, Ayala, Hope, Kory, Levine, Murphy, Price, Rasoul, Rodman and Simon; Senator: Boysko

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

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, *and* other relevant family members, or caretakers, information about the incidence of postpartum blues ~~and~~, perinatal depression, *and perinatal anxiety*; information to increase awareness of shaken baby syndrome and the dangers of shaking infants; and information about safe sleep environments for infants that is consistent with current information available from the American Academy of Pediatrics. This information shall be discussed with the maternity patient and the father of the infant, *and* other relevant family members, or caretakers who are present at discharge.

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