

# Union Calendar No. 196

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3838

[Report No. 118-246]

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 6, 2023

Mr. BURGESS (for himself, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mrs. CAMMACK, and Ms. CASTOR of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

OCTOBER 25, 2023

Additional sponsors: Ms. WILD, Ms. GRANGER, Ms. ROSS, Ms. PETTERSEN, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. HOUCHIN, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. PETERS, Mr. TRONE, Mr. CROW, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. SOTO, Mr. ALLRED, Ms. CARAVEO, Ms. CROCKETT, and Ms. CLARKE of New York

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 6, 2023]

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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”.*

6 **SEC. 2. SAFE MOTHERHOOD.**

7 *(a) MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW COMMITTEES.—*  
8 *Section 317K(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42*  
9 *U.S.C. 247b–12(d)) is amended—*

10 *(1) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “(includ-*  
11 *ing obstetricians and gynecologists)” after “clinical*  
12 *specialties”; and*

13 *(2) in paragraph (3)(A)(i)—*

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

16 *(B) in subclause (III), by striking “, as ap-*  
17 *propriate” and inserting “and coordinating with*  
18 *death certifiers to improve the collection of death*  
19 *record reports and the quality of death records,*  
20 *including by amending cause-of-death informa-*  
21 *tion on a death certificate, as appropriate”.*

22 *(b) BEST PRACTICES RELATING TO THE PREVENTION*  
23 *OF MATERNAL MORTALITY.—Section 317K of the Public*  
24 *Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–12) is amended—*

1           (1) *by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as*  
2           *subsections (f) and (g), respectively; and*

3           (2) *by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-*  
4           *lowing:*

5           “(e) *BEST PRACTICES RELATING TO THE PREVENTION*  
6 *OF MATERNAL MORTALITY.—*

7           “(1) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting*  
8           *through the Director of the Centers for Disease Con-*  
9           *trol and Prevention, shall, in consultation with the*  
10           *Administrator of the Health Resources and Services*  
11           *Administration, disseminate to hospitals, State pro-*  
12           *fessional society groups, and perinatal quality*  
13           *collaboratives, best practices on how to prevent mater-*  
14           *nal mortality and morbidity that consider and reflect*  
15           *best practices identified through other relevant Fed-*  
16           *eral maternal health programs.*

17           “(2) *FREQUENCY.—The Secretary, acting*  
18           *through the Director of the Centers for Disease Con-*  
19           *trol and Prevention, shall disseminate the best prac-*  
20           *tices referred to in paragraph (1) not less than once*  
21           *per fiscal year.”.*

22           (c) *EXTENSION.—Subsection (g) of section 317K of the*  
23 *Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–12), as redesign-*  
24 *ated by subsection (b), is amended by striking*  
25 *“\$58,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023”*

1 *and inserting “\$108,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024*  
2 *through 2028”.*

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