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# H. R. 3838

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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

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## A BILL

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Preventing Maternal  
3 Deaths Reauthorization Act of 2023”.

4 **SEC. 2. SAFE MOTHERHOOD.**

5 (a) **MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW COMMITTEES.**—

6 Section 317K(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
7 U.S.C. 247b–12(d)) is amended—

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

11 (2) in paragraph (3)(A)(i)—

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

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

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

25 (1) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as  
26 subsections (f) and (g), respectively; and

1           (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-  
2           lowing:

3           “(e) BEST PRACTICES RELATING TO THE PREVEN-  
4           TION OF MATERNAL MORTALITY.—

5           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting  
6           through the Director of the Centers for Disease  
7           Control and Prevention, shall, in consultation with  
8           the Administrator of the Health Resources and Serv-  
9           ices Administration, disseminate to hospitals, State  
10          professional society groups, and perinatal quality  
11          collaboratives, best practices on how to prevent ma-  
12          ternal mortality and morbidity that consider and re-  
13          flect best practices identified through other relevant  
14          Federal maternal health programs.

15          “(2) FREQUENCY.—The Secretary, acting  
16          through the Director of the Centers for Disease  
17          Control and Prevention, shall disseminate the best  
18          practices referred to in paragraph (1) not less than  
19          once per fiscal year.”.

20          (c) EXTENSION.—Subsection (g) of section 317K of  
21          the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–12), as  
22          redesignated by subsection (b), is amended by striking  
23          “2019 through 2023” and inserting “2024 through  
24          2028”.

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