

Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

**House Bill No. 515**

AN ACT concerning

**Maternal Mortality Review Program**

FOR the purpose of establishing a Maternal Mortality Review Program to review certain maternal deaths and develop certain strategies for the prevention of certain maternal deaths; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to contract and consult with the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty; authorizing the Secretary to provide certain vital records regarding certain maternal deaths; requiring certain health care providers and facilities to report certain maternal deaths to the Maternal Mortality Review Program; requiring that certain records be kept confidential; providing certain immunity; requiring the Secretary to make certain reports to the Governor and the General Assembly; defining certain terms; declaring the findings of the General Assembly; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Maternal Mortality Review Program.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 13-1001 through 13-1007, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle  
"Subtitle 10. Maternal Mortality Review Program"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Health - General**

**SUBTITLE 10. MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW PROGRAM.**

13-1001.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "MATERNAL DEATH" MEANS THE DEATH OF A WOMAN DURING PREGNANCY OR WITHIN 1 YEAR AFTER THE WOMAN CEASES TO BE PREGNANT.

(C) "FACULTY" MEANS THE MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL FACULTY IN THE STATE.

(D) "MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH COMMITTEE" MEANS THE MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH COMMITTEE OF THE FACULTY THAT IS A MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE, AS DEFINED UNDER § 14-501 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.