

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2262

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DOLL.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to perinatal care.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be  
2 known as sections 191.730 and 191.744, to read as follows:

**191.730. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:**

2 **(1) "Health care professional", the same meaning given to the term in section**  
3 **376.1350;**

4 **(2) "Mental disorder", the same meaning given to the term in section 630.005;**

5 **(3) "Mental illness", the same meaning given to the term in section 630.005;**

6 **(4) "Screening tool", a tool or tools designed to screen pregnant women for**  
7 **mental disorders and mental illnesses.**

8 **2. This section applies only to health care professionals who provide maternity**  
9 **health care services.**

10 **3. Each health care professional shall, through the use of a validated and**  
11 **evidence-based verbal screening tool, screen for mental disorders and mental illnesses in**  
12 **all pregnant women who are seen by the health care professional as early as practicable**  
13 **at the onset of prenatal care and throughout the pregnancy, including during the first,**  
14 **second, and third trimesters.**

15 **4. The department of health and senior services shall establish guidelines for**  
16 **health care professionals treating mental disorders and mental illnesses in pregnancy.**  
17 **The department shall make the guidelines available on its website.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18           **5. If, after using the screening tool, a health care professional identifies a**  
19 **pregnant woman who has a mental disorder or mental illness and is not currently**  
20 **receiving treatment for such disorder or illness, the health care professional shall:**

21           **(1) Provide treatment to the patient; or**

22           **(2) Refer the patient for treatment.**

23           **6. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize violation of the**  
24 **confidentiality requirements of any state or federal law.**

**191.744. The department of health and senior services shall establish a perinatal**  
2 **navigator program for the purposes of engaging pregnant women in early prenatal care**  
3 **and providing referrals to pregnant women for wraparound services and home visiting**  
4 **programs in the local community.**

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