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SYNOPSIS

Requires hospital to permit individual to accompany woman during childbirth.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 4, 2020, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/14/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning childbirth and supplementing Title 26 of the
2 Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. An acute care general hospital licensed pursuant to
8 P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) shall permit a pregnant woman
9 to have at least one individual to accompany the woman during the
10 period of labor and delivery in the room of the hospital where the
11 woman gives birth to her child.

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13 2. The Commissioner of Health shall adopt rules and
14 regulations, in accordance with the “Administrative Procedure Act,”
15 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as are necessary to effectuate
16 the provisions of this act ¹, including rules and regulations as to
17 restrictions an acute care general hospital may place on individuals
18 accompanying pregnant women during the period of labor and
19 delivery as provided in section 1 of this act¹.

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21 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted May 4, 2020.