

P.L. 2020, CHAPTER 32, *approved May 15, 2020*
Assembly, No. 3942 (*First Reprint*)

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

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

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

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

21 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

26 Requires hospital to permit individual to accompany woman
27 during childbirth.

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.