P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 380, ***approved January 18, 2022***
Senate, No. 705 ***(First Reprint)***

AN ACT concerning mental health and supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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

1. a. The Department of Health shall develop and implement a plan to improve access to [1]**[**postpartum depression**]** perinatal mood and anxiety disorder[1] screening, referral, treatment, and support services.

b. The plan shall provide strategies to:

(1) increase awareness among mental health care service providers who treat women experiencing [1]**[**postpartum depression**]** perinatal mood and anxiety disorders[1] with regard to the prevalence and effects of [1]**[**postpartum depression**]** perinatal mood and anxiety disorders[1] on women and children;

(2) establish a referral network of mental health care providers and support services for women who are in need of [1]**[**postpartum depression**]** perinatal mood and anxiety disorder[1] treatment;

(3) increase women's access to formal and informal peer support services, including access to certified peer specialists who have received training related to [1]**[**postpartum depression**]** perinatal mood and anxiety disorders[1];

(4) raise public awareness for, and reduce the stigma related to, [1]**[**postpartum depression**]** perinatal mood and anxiety disorders[1]; and

(5) provide available funds to [1]**[**postpartum depression**]** perinatal mood and anxiety disorder[1] screening, referral, treatment, and support services.

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.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Requires DOH to develop and implement plan to improve access to perinatal mood and anxiety disorder screening.

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:
[1]Senate SED committee amendments adopted September 14, 2020.