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SYNOPSIS

Requires hospital to permit individual to accompany woman during childbirth.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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

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, 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 act.

21 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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24 STATEMENT

26 This bill requires a hospital to permit an individual to accompany
27 a woman during childbirth. Under the bill, a hospital is to permit a
28 pregnant woman to have at least one individual to accompany the
29 woman during the period of labor and delivery in the room of the
30 hospital where the woman gives birth to her child.

31 The bill provides that the Commissioner of Health is to adopt
32 rules and regulations as are necessary to effectuate the provisions of
33 this bill, including rules and regulations as to restrictions a hospital
34 may place on individuals accompanying pregnant women during the
35 period of labor and delivery.