

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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As Engrossed: S3/16/09

A Bill

SENATE BILL 787

5 By: Senator Madison
6 By: Representatives J. Roebuck, Nix, L. Smith
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT MATERNITY PATIENTS ARE
11 INFORMED OF THE TYPES AND RISKS OF BIRTHING
12 METHODS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO ENSURE THAT MATERNITY PATIENTS ARE
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16 BIRTHING METHODS.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1 is amended
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 20-16-102. Maternity patient informed consent.

25 (a)(1)(A) A maternity patient at the time of preadmission at a
26 hospital or birthing center shall be provided printed information related to
27 the types of birthing methods and their associated risks including vaginal
28 delivery and cesarean section deliveries.

29 (B) The information also shall be made available to the
30 general public upon request.

31 (2) The information shall include without limitation:

32 (A) The annual rate of cesarean sections, primary cesarean
33 sections, repeat cesarean sections, and total number of cesarean sections
34 performed at the hospital or birthing center;

35 (B) The annual percentage of women with previous cesarean
36 sections who have had a subsequent successful vaginal birth;



