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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 508

Introduced by Assembly Member Cristina Garcia

February 23, 2015

An act to add Section 123237 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 508, as amended, Cristina Garcia. Public health: ~~maternal-care-health.~~

Existing law establishes the State Department of Public Health and sets forth its powers and duties, as specified. Existing law requires the department to maintain a program of ~~maternal and child health.~~ *maternal, child, and adolescent health.*

This bill would require the department to ~~prepare and publish~~ *prepare, submit to the Legislature, and post to the department's Internet Web site* an annual report on maternal mortality and morbidity in California. The bill also would require the department to include in the report an in-depth analysis of maternal deaths and pregnancy-related complications, and would require the department, in order to develop the most accurate reports, to support efforts of private-public collaboration to collect necessary data and complete the report.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 123237 is added to the Health and Safety
2 Code, to read:

3 123237. (a) ~~The~~ *Notwithstanding Section 10231.5 of the*
4 *Government Code, the State Department of Public Health, as part*
5 *of its work to advance and improve California maternity care*
6 *through data-driven quality improvement, shall prepare and publish*
7 *submit to the Legislature an annual report on maternal mortality*
8 *and morbidity in California. The department also shall post each*
9 *annual report on its Internet Web site. The report shall include,*
10 *but not be limited to, an analysis of all maternal deaths and*
11 *instances of complications related to pregnancy, which includes*
12 *all of the following:*

- 13 (1) Patient demographics.
- 14 (2) Underlying causes.
- 15 (3) Contributing factors.
- 16 (4) Suggestions for improvements in care.

17 (b) In order to develop the most accurate reports, the department
18 shall support efforts of private-public collaboration to collect and
19 analyze necessary data and complete the report.

20 (c) *A report submitted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be*
21 *submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government*
22 *Code.*