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H.B. No. 2079

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the designation of May as Postpartum Depression
3 Awareness Month.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 662, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 662.110 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 662.110. POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION AWARENESS MONTH. (a)
8 May is Postpartum Depression Awareness Month to increase awareness
9 of postpartum depression and to encourage:

10 (1) the identification of signs, symptoms, and
11 treatment options for postpartum depression;

12 (2) the creation and update of lists of recommended
13 materials for perinatal mental health available through the
14 Department of State Health Services and the Health and Human
15 Services Commission;

16 (3) electronic circulation of and posting on state and
17 local agency websites of recommended postpartum depression
18 resources;

19 (4) mothers-to-be and new mothers to be screened for
20 postpartum depression using validated survey instruments; and

21 (5) collaboration between governmental agencies,
22 educational institutions, hospitals, private health care
23 practices, health insurance providers, Medicaid providers, and
24 mental health agencies to increase awareness of postpartum

1 affective illness.

2 (b) Postpartum Depression Awareness Month shall be
3 regularly observed through appropriate programs and activities to
4 increase awareness of postpartum depression.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.