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H.B. No. 2574

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to increasing awareness of the danger of heatstroke for a child left unattended in a motor vehicle.

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

SECTION 1. Section 161.501(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A hospital, birthing center, physician, nurse midwife, or midwife who provides prenatal care to a pregnant woman during gestation or at delivery of an infant shall:

(1) provide the woman and the father of the infant, if possible, or another adult caregiver for the infant, with a resource pamphlet that includes:

(A) a list of the names, addresses, and phone numbers of professional organizations that provide postpartum counseling and assistance to parents relating to postpartum depression and other emotional trauma associated with pregnancy and parenting;

(B) information regarding the prevention of shaken baby syndrome including:

(i) techniques for coping with anger caused by a crying baby;

(ii) different methods for preventing a person from shaking a newborn, infant, or other young child;

(iii) the dangerous effects of shaking a

1 newborn, infant, or other young child; and

2 (iv) the symptoms of shaken baby syndrome  
3 and who to contact, as recommended by the American Academy of  
4 Pediatrics, if a parent suspects or knows that a baby has been  
5 shaken in order to receive prompt medical treatment;

6 (C) a list of diseases for which a child is  
7 required by state law to be immunized and the appropriate schedule  
8 for the administration of those immunizations;

9 (D) the appropriate schedule for follow-up  
10 procedures for newborn screening;

11 (E) information regarding sudden infant death  
12 syndrome, including current recommendations for infant sleeping  
13 conditions to lower the risk of sudden infant death syndrome; ~~and~~

14 (F) educational information in both English and  
15 Spanish on pertussis disease and the availability of a vaccine to  
16 protect against pertussis, including information on the Centers for  
17 Disease Control and Prevention recommendation that parents receive  
18 Tdap during the postpartum period to protect newborns from the  
19 transmission of pertussis; and

20 (G) the danger of heatstroke for a child left  
21 unattended in a motor vehicle;

22 (2) if the woman is a recipient of medical assistance  
23 under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, provide the woman and the  
24 father of the infant, if possible, or another adult caregiver with a  
25 resource guide that includes information in both English and  
26 Spanish relating to the development, health, and safety of a child  
27 from birth until age five, including information relating to:

1 (A) selecting and interacting with a primary  
2 health care practitioner and establishing a "medical home" for the  
3 child;

4 (B) dental care;

5 (C) effective parenting;

6 (D) child safety;

7 (E) the importance of reading to a child;

8 (F) expected developmental milestones;

9 (G) health care resources available in the state;

10 (H) selecting appropriate child care; and

11 (I) other resources available in the state;

12 (3) document in the woman's record that the woman  
13 received the resource pamphlet described in Subdivision (1) and the  
14 resource guide described in Subdivision (2), if applicable; and

15 (4) retain the documentation for at least five years  
16 in the hospital's, birthing center's, physician's, nurse midwife's,  
17 or midwife's records.

18 SECTION 2. (a) Not later than December 1, 2015, the  
19 Department of State Health Services shall make the informational  
20 materials required by Section 161.501(a)(1), Health and Safety  
21 Code, as amended by this Act, available on its Internet website.

22 (b) Notwithstanding Section 161.501(a)(1)(G), Health and  
23 Safety Code, as added by this Act, a facility is not required to  
24 comply with that provision until January 1, 2016.

25 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.