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S.B. No. 1699

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the designation of May as Postpartum Depression Awareness Month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(5) collaboration between governmental agencies, educational institutions, hospitals, private health care practices, health insurance providers, Medicaid providers, and 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.