

1-1 By: Huffman S.B. No. 1699  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2015; March 23, 2015, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services;  
 1-4 April 16, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,  
 1-5 Nays 0; April 16, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the designation of May as Postpartum Depression  
 1-20 Awareness Month.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 662, Government Code, is  
 1-23 amended by adding Section 662.110 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 662.110. POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION AWARENESS MONTH.

1-25 (a) May is Postpartum Depression Awareness Month to increase  
 1-26 awareness of postpartum depression and to encourage:

1-27 (1) the identification of signs, symptoms, and  
 1-28 treatment options for postpartum depression;

1-29 (2) the creation and update of lists of recommended  
 1-30 materials for perinatal mental health available through the  
 1-31 Department of State Health Services and the Health and Human  
 1-32 Services Commission;

1-33 (3) electronic circulation of and posting on state and  
 1-34 local agency websites of recommended postpartum depression  
 1-35 resources;

1-36 (4) mothers-to-be and new mothers to be screened for  
 1-37 postpartum depression using validated survey instruments; and

1-38 (5) collaboration between governmental agencies,  
 1-39 educational institutions, hospitals, private health care  
 1-40 practices, health insurance providers, Medicaid providers, and  
 1-41 mental health agencies to increase awareness of postpartum  
 1-42 affective illness.

1-43 (b) Postpartum Depression Awareness Month shall be  
 1-44 regularly observed through appropriate programs and activities to  
 1-45 increase awareness of postpartum depression.

1-46 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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