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An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maternal, Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Panel

Reported by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot for the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 353.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §261, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 203, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 B. "Deceased person" means a woman who died during pregnancy or within ~~42 days~~
5 one year of giving birth or a child who died within one year of birth.

6 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §261, sub-§4, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 203, §1, is
7 further amended to read:

8 A. The panel coordinator shall review the deaths of all women during pregnancy or
9 within ~~42 days~~ one year of giving birth, the majority of cases in which a fetal death
10 occurs after 28 weeks of gestation and the majority of deaths of infants under one
11 year of age, with selection of cases of infant death based on the need to review
12 particular causes of death or the need to obtain a representative sample of all deaths.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill amends the laws governing the maternal, fetal and infant mortality review
15 panel to require the review of maternal deaths that occur within one year of giving birth.
16 Current law requires the panel to review maternal deaths that occur within 42 days of
17 giving birth.