

SB 182 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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SENATE BILL **182**

AN ACT relative to the maternal mortality review committee.

SPONSORS: Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24; Rep. Hakken-Phillips, Graf. 12; Rep. Kuttab, Rock. 17

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill revises membership and responsibilities of the maternal mortality review panel.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five*

AN ACT relative to the maternal mortality review committee.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 1 New Subparagraph; Maternal Mortality Review Panel. Amend RSA 132:30, I by inserting  
2 after subparagraph (i) the following new subparagraph:

3 (j) A representative of the department of corrections, appointed by the commissioner of  
4 the department of corrections.

5 2 Maternal Mortality Review Panel. Amend RSA 132:30, IV to read as follows:

6 IV. The commissioner may delegate to [~~the Northern New England Perinatal Quality~~  
7 ~~Improvement Network (NNEPQIN)] ***New Hampshire perinatal quality collaborative (NHPQC)***  
8 ***affiliated with Dartmouth Health*** the functions of collecting, analyzing, and disseminating  
9 maternal mortality information, organizing and convening meetings of the panel, and other  
10 substantive and administrative tasks as may be incident to these activities. The activities of  
11 [~~NNEPQIN~~] ***NHPQC*** and its employees or agents shall be subject to the same confidentiality  
12 provisions as those that apply to the panel.~~

13 3 Public Health; Maternal Mortality Review Panel Established. Amend RSA 132:30, VI(b) to  
14 read as follows:

15 (b) Each [~~member of the panel shall be responsible for the dissemination of panel~~  
16 ~~recommendations to his or her respective institutions and professional organizations]~~ ***panel***  
17 ***meeting shall conclude with the development of panel recommendations with members***  
18 ***responsible for the dissemination of recommendations to his or her respective institutions***  
19 ***or professional organizations.*** All such information shall be disseminated through each  
20 participant's quality assurance program in order to protect the confidentiality of all participants and  
21 patients involved in any incident.

22 4 Public Health; Maternal Mortality Review Panel Established. Amend RSA 132:30, VII to read  
23 as follows:

24 VII. The commissioner of the department of health and human services, with the advice and  
25 recommendation of a majority of members of the panel, shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A,  
26 relative to the following:

27 (a) The system for identifying and reporting maternal [~~deaths~~] ***mortalities*** to the  
28 commissioner, or designee.

29 (b) The form and manner through which the program may acquire information under  
30 RSA 132:31.

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1           (c) The protocol to be used in carefully and sensitively contacting [a] family [~~member~~]  
2 ***members and close contacts*** of the deceased woman for a discussion of the events surrounding the  
3 death, allowing grieving family members to refuse such an interview.

4           (d) Assuring de-identification of all individuals and facilities involved in the panel  
5 review of cases.

6           5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.