

1-1 By: Thompson of Harris (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 2079
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2015;
 1-3 May 4, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
 1-4 and Human Services; May 15, 2015, reported favorably by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 15, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7	X			
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1-12	X			
1-13	X			
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1-15	X			
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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. (a)
 1-25 May is Postpartum Depression Awareness Month to increase awareness
 1-26 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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