

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
Schwertner	X			
Kolkhorst	X			
Campbell	X			
Estes	X			
Perry	X			
Rodriguez	X			
Taylor of Collin	X			
Uresti	X			
Zaffirini	X			

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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