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Summary: Hospitals required to provide parents of newborns educational information

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

March 29, 2012

**S. 1168**

Introduced by Senator Fair

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Read the first time February 1, 2012.

**THE COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL AFFAIRS**

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 1168) to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 44‑37‑60 so as to require hospitals to provide parents of newborns, prior to, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

HARVEY S. PEELER, JR. for Committee.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44‑37‑60 SO AS TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS TO PROVIDE PARENTS OF NEWBORNS, PRIOR TO DISCHARGE, EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION ON PERTUSSIS DISEASE AND TO REQUIRE THIS INFORMATION TO INCLUDE THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL’S RECOMMENDATION THAT PARENTS RECEIVE THE TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA, AND PERTUSSIS VACCINE DURING POST PARTUM TO PROTECT NEWBORNS FROM THE TRANSMISSION OF PERTUSSIS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT HOSPITALS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE OR PAY FOR A VACCINATION AGAINST PERTUSSIS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Chapter 37, Title 44 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 44‑37‑60. (A) During the postpartum period and prior to discharge each hospital shall provide parents of newborns educational information on pertussis disease and the availability of a vaccine to protect against pertussis. This educational information must include, but is not limited to, information on the Center for Disease Control’s recommendation that parents receive the tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis vaccine during the post partum period to protect their newborns from the transmission of pertussis.

(B) Nothing in this section requires a hospital to provide or pay for a vaccination against pertussis.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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