STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

May 15, 2026

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Lucas) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring maternal mortality review boards to share information with the New York city department of health and mental hygiene and county health departments on an annual basis, including the circumstances, common factors and patterns, best practices and strategies, primary data, vital records data, and any other guidance associated with reported cases of maternal mortality and morbidity

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subdivision 5 of section 2509 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 142 of the laws of 2019, are amended and a new paragraph (f) is added to read as follows:

(d) shall issue a report on its findings and recommendations every two years, and may also issue reports more frequently. The reports shall be public documents; [~~and~~]

(e) may request and shall receive the assistance of the commissioner in the instance of the state board and the city commissioner in the instance of the city board in carrying out its functions[~~.~~]*; and*

(f) notwithstanding any provision of law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, shall share the following information with the New York city department of health and mental hygiene and with county health departments, on an annual basis, void of any personal identifying information, pursuant to paragraph (c) of subdivision four and subdivision six of this section, and provided that the departments are not permitted to share such information with the public:

(i) the circumstances of such reported cases at any and all public and private places in which the board has reason to believe, based on relevant information available, that such places are associated with such maternal death cases;

(ii) common factors associated with the cause of maternal deaths and any patterns that may have emerged among the causes or cases themselves;

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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(iii) best practices and strategies for reducing the risk of maternal mortality and morbidity;

(iv) primary data, as characterized by the state department of health's community health assessment guidance as "information that is collected first-hand by those conducting the assessment. This type of data would include original information gathered through surveillance activities, focus groups, interview and observations";

(v) vital records data, as defined for the purposes of this subdivision as "records of live births and deaths, including all data fields collected and maintained by the state department of health to the extent that such records or data fields are obtained, accessed, or used by any such board"; and

(vi) any other guidance to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity that the board determines to be appropriate.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.