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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. CAPITO (for herself, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. TILLIS, and Ms. SMITH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Preventing Maternal
3 Deaths Reauthorization Act of 2023”.

4 **SEC. 2. SAFE MOTHERHOOD.**

5 (a) **MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW COMMITTEES.**—

6 Section 317K(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42
7 U.S.C. 247b–12(d)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “(includ-
9 ing obstetricians and gynecologists)” after “clinical
10 specialties”; and

11 (2) in paragraph (3)(A)(i)—

12 (A) in subclause (I), by striking “as appli-
13 cable” and inserting “if available”; and

14 (B) in subclause (III), by striking “, as ap-
15 propriate” and inserting “and coordinating with
16 death certifiers to improve the collection of
17 death record reports and the quality of death
18 records, including by amending cause-of-death
19 information on a death certificate, as appro-
20 priate”.

21 (b) **BEST PRACTICES RELATING TO THE PREVEN-**
22 **TION OF MATERNAL MORTALITY.**—Section 317K of the
23 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–12) is amend-
24 ed—

25 (1) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as
26 subsections (f) and (g), respectively; and

1 (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(e) BEST PRACTICES RELATING TO THE PREVEN-
4 TION OF MATERNAL MORTALITY.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting
6 through the Director of the Centers for Disease
7 Control and Prevention, shall, in consultation with
8 the Administrator of the Health Resources and Serv-
9 ices Administration, disseminate to hospitals, State
10 professional society groups, and perinatal quality
11 collaboratives, best practices on how to prevent ma-
12 ternal mortality and morbidity that consider and re-
13 flect best practices identified through other relevant
14 Federal maternal health programs.

15 “(2) FREQUENCY.—The Secretary, acting
16 through the Director of the Centers for Disease
17 Control and Prevention, shall disseminate the best
18 practices referred to in paragraph (1) not less than
19 once per fiscal year.”.

20 (c) EXTENSION.—Subsection (g) of section 317K of
21 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–12), as
22 redesignated by subsection (b), is amended by striking
23 “2019 through 2023” and inserting “2024 through
24 2028”.