

1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1782

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1782 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Department of Human Services Act is
5 amended by adding Section 10-7 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1305/10-7 new)

7 Sec. 10-7. Postpartum depression. The Department, in
8 cooperation with the Department of Professional Regulation,
9 must work with licensed health care facilities and licensed
10 health care professionals to develop policies that meet all
11 of the following objectives that address the issue of
12 postpartum depression:

13 (1) For physicians and other licensed health care
14 professionals who provide prenatal care to women, to
15 provide education to women and their families about
16 postpartum depression in order to lower the likelihood
17 that new mothers will continue to suffer from the illness
18 in silence.

19 (2) For physicians and other health care personnel
20 who provide postnatal care to women, to screen new
21 mothers for postpartum depression symptoms prior to
22 discharge from hospital and at the first few postnatal

1 checkups.

2 (3) For physicians and other licensed health care
3 professionals who provide prenatal and postnatal care to
4 women, to include fathers and other family members, as
5 appropriate, in both the education and treatment
6 processes to help them better understand the nature and
7 causes of postpartum depression so that they can overcome
8 the spillover effects of the illness and improve their
9 ability to be supportive of the new mother."