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**A BILL**

To enact section 3701.1311 of the Revised Code to  
require health care practitioners to provide  
information on Sudden Unexpected Death in  
Epilepsy to at risk patients and to name the act  
the Brenna Brossard SUDEP Awareness Act.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 3701.1311 of the Revised Code be  
enacted to read as follows:

**Sec. 3701.1311. (A) As used in this section:**

(1) "Health care practitioner" means all of the following:

(a) A physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the  
Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic  
medicine and surgery;

(b) An advanced practice registered nurse authorized under

Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code to practice nursing as an 14  
advanced practice registered nurse and designated as a clinical 15  
nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse 16  
practitioner; 17

(c) A physician assistant authorized under Chapter 4730. 18  
of the Revised Code to practice as a physician assistant. 19

(2) "Sudden unexpected death in epilepsy" means sudden, 20  
unexpected death in patients with epilepsy, with or without 21  
evidence of a seizure. 22

(B) Any health care practitioner who has the primary 23  
responsibility for the treatment or care, other than treatment 24  
during an emergency situation, of a patient who has been 25  
diagnosed with epilepsy shall provide the patient with the 26  
following written information: 27

(1) Current, evidence-based information developed by the 28  
federal centers for disease control and prevention about sudden 29  
unexpected death in epilepsy risk factors and conditions, which 30  
may be obtained through the link described in division (C) of 31  
this section; 32

(2) Contact information for nonprofit organizations that 33  
provide information and support services for epilepsy 34  
conditions. 35

(C) (1) The director of health shall post a link on the 36  
department of health's internet web site to the federal centers 37  
for disease control and prevention's sudden unexpected death in 38  
epilepsy information. 39

(2) Any local or national organization that provides 40  
education or services related to epilepsy conditions may request 41  
that the director include the organization's informational 42

material and contact information on the department's internet 43  
web site. Once a request is made, the director may, in the 44  
director's discretion, add the information to the department's 45  
internet web site. 46

**Section 2.** This act shall be known as the Brenna Brossard 47  
SUDEP Awareness Act. 48