

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**  
Part 58A  
**INFANT DEATH DUE TO UNSAFE SLEEP EDUCATION AND PREVENTION**

**333.5881 "Infant safe sleep act"; meanings of words and phrases; general definitions and principles of construction.**

Sec. 5881.

- (1) This part may be referred to as the "infant safe sleep act".
- (2) For purposes of this part, the words and phrases defined in sections 5883 to 5884 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections unless the context requires otherwise.
- (3) In addition, article 1 contains general definitions and principles of construction applicable to all articles in this act.

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**333.5883 Definitions; H, I.**

Sec. 5883.

- (1) "Health professional" means an individual licensed, registered, certified, or otherwise authorized to engage in a health profession under article 15.
- (2) "Hospital" means a hospital licensed under article 17 that provides clinically related health services for obstetrical and infant care and includes a hospital operated by this state, a local governmental unit, or an agency. Hospital does not include an office used primarily for private or group practice by health professionals in which no reviewable, clinically related health services are offered.
- (3) "Infant" means a child who is 12 months old or younger.
- (4) "Infant death due to unsafe sleep" means infant death by suffocation, asphyxiation, or strangulation in a sleep environment.

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**333.5884 Definitions; P.**

Sec. 5884.

- (1) "Parent" means a natural parent, stepparent, adoptive parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian of an infant.
- (2) "Parent acknowledgment statement" means the statement of a parent on a form described in section 5885(2).

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**333.5885 Infant safe sleep practices; information and materials to be provided by hospital; parent acknowledgment statement; form; birth occurring in setting other than hospital; use of materials consistent with or provided by department.**

Sec. 5885.

(1) A hospital shall provide to parents readily understandable information and educational and instructional materials regarding infant safe sleep practices. The materials described in this subsection must explain the risk factors associated with infant death due to unsafe sleep practices and emphasize infant safe sleep practices.

(2) A hospital shall prescribe the form of a parent acknowledgment statement. The form must include a place for a parent to sign, acknowledging that the parent has received the educational and instructional materials provided on the risk factors associated with infant death due to unsafe sleep practices and infant safe sleep practices.

(3) For a birth that occurs in a setting other than a hospital, the health professional in charge at the birth of an infant, or if none the health professional in charge of the care of an infant, shall provide the materials described in subsection (1) to a parent after the birth of an infant.

(4) To comply with this section, a hospital or health professional subject to this section may use educational and instructional materials provided by the department under subsection (5) or may use educational and instructional materials of its choice that are consistent with the materials provided by the department under subsection (5).

(5) Upon the request of a hospital or health professional subject to this section, the department shall provide, at no cost, to the hospital or health professional, educational and instructional materials described in section 5887(c).

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### **333.5886 Parent acknowledgment statement; liability of hospital or health professional.**

Sec. 5886.

(1) After receipt of the materials under section 5885, a parent may sign the parent acknowledgment statement. The hospital or health professional, as applicable, shall place the signed parent acknowledgment statement in the infant's permanent medical record. The hospital or health professional, as applicable, shall provide a copy of the signed parent acknowledgment statement to the parent who signed the statement.

(2) A hospital or health professional that complies with this part is not criminally or civilly liable for the action or inaction of a parent with regard to infant safe sleep practices pursuant to materials given to the parent under section 5885.

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### **333.5887 Duties of department and department of human services.**

Sec. 5887.

The department and the department of human services shall collaborate to do all of the following:

(a) Work to improve community-based services available to inform parents regarding the risk factors associated with infant death due to unsafe sleep practices and infant safe sleep practices.

(b) Work with other state and local governmental agencies, community organizations, health care and human service providers, and national organizations to coordinate efforts and maximize state and private resources in education regarding the risk factors associated with infant death due to unsafe sleep practices and infant safe sleep practices.

(c) Provide educational and instructional materials that explain the risk factors associated with infant death due to unsafe sleep practices, that include methods to reduce the risk of infant death due to unsafe sleep, and that emphasize infant safe sleep practices.

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