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Am. H. B. No. 229

Representatives Sweeney, Patton

**Cosponsors: Representatives Brewer, Dell'Aquila, Grim, Lightbody, McNally,
Russo**

A BILL

To enact section 3701.1311 of the Revised Code to 1
require health care practitioners to provide 2
information on Sudden Unexpected Death in 3
Epilepsy to at risk patients and to name the act 4
the Brenna Brossard SUDEP Awareness Act. 5

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

Section 1. That section 3701.1311 of the Revised Code be 6
enacted to read as follows: 7

Sec. 3701.1311. (A) As used in this section: 8

(1) "Health care practitioner" means all of the following: 9

(a) A physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the 10
Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic 11
medicine and surgery; 12

(b) An advanced practice registered nurse authorized under 13
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.

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

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