

An Act relative to the wellbeing of new mothers and infants (H.1828/S.1085 - 192nd session)

Where a serious perinatal psychiatric complication causes an individual to commit an act that results in involvement with the criminal justice system, the bill requires—

- That any defendant who gave birth within 12 months prior to the alleged crime is screened for perinatal psychiatric complications;
- That when an examination is ordered following a positive screen, the exam is completed by a reproductive psychiatric expert within 48 hours;
- That any person suffering from mental illness related to a perinatal psychiatric complication who is committed to a facility after being found not guilty by reason of mental illness is given a treatment plan and additional services; and
- That a resentencing hearing for women who currently are incarcerated as a result of a perinatal psychiatric complications shall be allowed in certain cases.