Policy Analysis of Illinois P.A. 100-0574: Perinatal Mental Health
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Background
• PPD affects one in seven mothers
• PPP affects one in 1000 mothers

Policy
Nationwide
• Screening mandates for PPD in 4 states
Statewide
• Illinois mandates screening and education
• Recent passage of P.A. 100-0574
• Allows untreated or unrecognized PPD/PPP to be considered a mitigating factor in forcible felonies

Aim
• To review perinatal mental health legislation in Illinois

Methods
• Search on legislation on the Illinois General Assembly’s website for Compiled Statutes
• Conducted a comparison of other policies to IL P.A. 100-0574

Results
• Two most relevant acts to screening and identification of perinatal mood disorders were Perinatal Mental Health Disorders Prevention and Treatment Act and P.A.100-0574

Comparison
IL P.A. 100-0574
- Forcible Felony
- Pregnancy and 12 months PP
- Covers PPD/PPP
- Passed in 2018

TX H.B. 3318
- Infanticide
- 12 months or time of lactation
- Covers PPD/PPP
- Did not pass in 2009

British Infanticide Act
- Murder or manslaughter of a baby
- 12 months or time of lactation
- Covers “disturbed mind”
- Passed in 1938

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