

1 **SHARED MEDICAL COSTS**

2 2021 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Brady Brammer**

5 Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill amends the Utah Child Support Act in relation to medical costs of pregnancy.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

- 12 ▶ requires an unmarried father to pay 50% of a mother's:
- 13 • insurance premiums while she is pregnant; and
  - 14 • pregnancy-related medical costs, including the hospital birth of the child, that

15 are not paid by her insurance provider.

16 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

17 None

18 **Other Special Clauses:**

19 None

20 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

21 ENACTS:

22 **78B-12-105.1**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

23 **78B-12-212.1**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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25 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

26 Section 1. Section **78B-12-105.1** is enacted to read:

27 **78B-12-105.1. Duty of unmarried father to share pregnancy expenses of unborn**



28 **child.**

29 (1) An unmarried father of a child has a duty to pay 50% of the mother's out-of-pocket:

30 (a) health insurance premiums while the mother is pregnant with his child; and

31 (b) pregnancy related medical expenses incurred after conception and until the mother

32 is discharged from the hospital after the child's birth.

33 (2) (a) If paternity is disputed, an unmarried father owes no duty under this section

34 until his paternity is established.

35 (b) If paternity is established, an unmarried father is subject to Subsection (1).

36 (3) A person may seek payment under this section pursuant to Section [78B-12-113](#).

37 Section 2. Section **78B-12-212.1** is enacted to read:

38 **78B-12-212.1. Pregnancy expenses.**

39 If a person seeks payment under Section [78B-12-105.1](#) by providing documentation of

40 medical expenses and insurance premiums, the district court shall order the payment of the

41 pregnancy expenses.