

HOUSE BILL 18

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By: **Delegate Smigiel**

Requested: November 18, 2010

Introduced and read first time: January 12, 2011

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health – Abortions – Reporting Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a physician who performs an abortion in the State to
4 report the abortion to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring
5 the report to be submitted within a certain time period and to include certain
6 information; prohibiting the report from including certain identifying
7 information; and generally relating to the reporting of information about
8 abortions.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Health – General

11 Section 20–217 to be under the new part “Part V. Reporting Requirements”

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Health – General**

17 **20–215. RESERVED.**

18 **20–216. RESERVED.**

19 **PART V. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

20 **20–217.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(A) A PHYSICIAN WHO PERFORMS AN ABORTION IN THE STATE SHALL**
2 **REPORT THE ABORTION TO THE DEPARTMENT.**

3 **(B) THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION:**

4 **(1) SHALL BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE END OF**
5 **THE MONTH IN WHICH THE ABORTION WAS PERFORMED;**

6 **(2) SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION ON ANY COMPLICATIONS OR**
7 **INJURY TO THE PATIENT THAT OCCURRED DURING THE ABORTION PROCEDURE;**
8 **AND**

9 **(3) MAY NOT INCLUDE ANY INFORMATION IDENTIFYING THE**
10 **PATIENT OR THE PHYSICIAN WHO PERFORMED THE ABORTION.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2011.