

HOUSE BILL 20

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By: **Delegate Smigiel**

Requested: November 18, 2010

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health – Abortion – Transport of Patient**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that a patient requiring transport during an abortion
4 procedure may be transported under certain circumstances and shall be
5 transported by ambulance; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the
6 transport of patients during an abortion procedure.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Health – General
9 Section 20–208
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Health – General**

15 20–208.

16 **(A) IN THIS SECTION:**

17 **(1) “AMBULANCE” MEANS ANY CONVEYANCE DESIGNED AND**
18 **CONSTRUCTED OR MODIFIED AND EQUIPPED TO BE USED, MAINTAINED, OR**
19 **OPERATED TO TRANSPORT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SICK, INJURED, WOUNDED,**
20 **OR OTHERWISE INCAPACITATED.**

21 **(2) “AMBULANCE” INCLUDES A CONVEYANCE DESIGNED AND**
22 **CONSTRUCTED OR MODIFIED AND EQUIPPED FOR AEROMEDICAL TRANSPORT.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B)** An abortion must be performed by a licensed physician.

2 **(C) A PATIENT REQUIRING TRANSPORT DURING AN ABORTION**
3 **PROCEDURE:**

4 **(1) MAY BE TRANSPORTED IF THE PHYSICIAN PERFORMING THE**
5 **ABORTION DETERMINES THAT TRANSPORTING THE PATIENT IS NECESSARY TO**
6 **PROTECT THE LIFE OR HEALTH OF THE PATIENT; AND**

7 **(2) SHALL BE TRANSPORTED BY AN AMBULANCE.**

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