

SENATE BILL 114

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SB 611/12 – EHE

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By: **Senators Benson and Montgomery**
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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health – Pregnant Women – Hepatitis B Testing**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the individual attending a woman for pregnancy to
4 submit to a medical laboratory a blood sample taken from the woman at the
5 time the individual first examines the woman and, under certain circumstances,
6 at the time of delivery; requiring the medical laboratory that receives the blood
7 sample to perform a certain hepatitis B test; providing for the application of this
8 Act; and generally relating to the testing of pregnant women for hepatitis B.

9 BY adding to
10 Article – Health – General
11 Section 18–310
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 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 **18–310.**

18 **(A) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A WOMAN WHO OBJECTS TO A**
19 **STANDARD HEPATITIS B TEST BECAUSE THE TEST IS AGAINST THE RELIGIOUS**
20 **BELIEFS AND PRACTICES OF THE WOMAN.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 ~~(A)~~ **(B)** THE INDIVIDUAL ATTENDING A WOMAN FOR PREGNANCY
2 SHALL SUBMIT TO A MEDICAL LABORATORY:

3 **(1)** A BLOOD SAMPLE TAKEN FROM THE WOMAN AT THE TIME
4 THAT THE INDIVIDUAL FIRST EXAMINES THE WOMAN; AND

5 **(2)** A BLOOD SAMPLE TAKEN FROM THE WOMAN AT THE TIME OF
6 DELIVERY IF:

7 **(I)** THE WOMAN DID NOT HAVE PRENATAL SERVICES
8 BEFORE THE TIME OF DELIVERY; OR

9 **(II)** THERE IS NO DOCUMENTATION OF THE HEPATITIS B
10 STATUS OF THE WOMAN.

11 ~~(B)~~ **(C)** THE MEDICAL LABORATORY RECEIVING THE BLOOD SAMPLE
12 SUBMITTED UNDER SUBSECTION ~~(A)~~ **(B)** OF THIS SECTION SHALL PERFORM A
13 STANDARD HEPATITIS B TEST THAT IS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2013.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.