

Chapter 24

(Senate Bill 320)

AN ACT concerning

~~Maryland Health Care Commission~~ University of Maryland School of Medicine
– Workgroup to Study Issues Related to Uterine Fibroids ~~– Study~~

FOR the purpose of requiring the ~~Maryland Health Care Commission, in consultation with~~ University of Maryland School of Medicine to convene a workgroup that includes representatives from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, certain experts, and interested stakeholders; to ~~conduct a study of~~ study workgroup to examine the incidence of uterine fibroids in the State; requiring the ~~study workgroup~~ to examine certain issues; requiring, on or before a certain date, the ~~Commission~~ University of Maryland School of Medicine to report certain findings to certain committees of the General Assembly; and generally relating to the ~~Maryland Health Care Commission and a study of~~ workgroup convened by the University of Maryland School of Medicine to study issues related to uterine fibroids.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That:

(a) The ~~Maryland Health Care Commission, in consultation with~~ University of Maryland School of Medicine shall convene a workgroup that includes representatives of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, experts in uterine fibroids, and interested stakeholders, ~~shall conduct a~~ to study of issues related to the incidence of uterine fibroids in the State.

(b) The ~~study conducted~~ workgroup convened under subsection (a) of this section shall examine:

(1) the incidence of uterine fibroids among women in the State, by race, ethnicity, age, and county of residence;

(2) the types of treatments and procedures used to treat uterine fibroids;

(3) data on the number of women in the State who undergo a hysterectomy, myomectomy, or other type of treatment for uterine fibroids each year;

(4) alternative, innovative, and less invasive treatments and procedures that are available to treat uterine fibroids;

(5) whether there is a need for more research to study the cause and treatment of uterine fibroids; and

(6) whether licensed physicians in the State are willing and able to perform less invasive procedures to treat uterine fibroids.

(c) On or before June 30, 2016, the ~~Maryland Health Care Commission~~ University of Maryland School of Medicine shall report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the findings of the ~~study conducted~~ workgroup convened under subsection (a) of this section to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2015.