

# SENATE BILL 320

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By: **Senator Nathan Pulliam**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
18 1, 2015.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.