

# SENATE BILL 320

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By: **Senator Nathan–Pulliam**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Health Care Commission – Uterine Fibroids – Study**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, in consultation with  
4 the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, certain experts, and interested  
5 stakeholders, to conduct a study of issues related to the incidence of uterine fibroids  
6 in the State; requiring the study to examine certain issues; requiring, on or before a  
7 certain date, the Commission to report certain findings to certain committees of the  
8 General Assembly; and generally relating to the Maryland Health Care Commission  
9 and a study of uterine fibroids.

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

12 (a) The Maryland Health Care Commission, in consultation with the Department  
13 of Health and Mental Hygiene, experts in uterine fibroids, and interested stakeholders,  
14 shall conduct a study of issues related to the incidence of uterine fibroids in the State.

15 (b) The study conducted under subsection (a) of this section shall examine:

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

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

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

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

10                  SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
11 1, 2015.