

# SENATE BILL 900

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Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Abortions – Physician Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain physician who performs or induces an abortion to  
4 have admitting privileges at a hospital that meets certain criteria; requiring a  
5 certain physician, before performing or inducing an abortion, to provide the woman  
6 terminating her pregnancy with certain contact information; providing for a certain  
7 penalty; and generally relating to requirements for physicians who perform or induce  
8 abortions.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Health – General  
11 Section 20–211  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Health – General**

17 **20–211.**

18 **(A) A PHYSICIAN WHO PERFORMS OR INDUCES AN ABORTION SHALL HAVE**  
19 **ADMITTING PRIVILEGES AT A HOSPITAL THAT:**

20 **(1) IS LOCATED WITHIN 15 MILES OF THE LOCATION OF THE FACILITY**  
21 **IN WHICH THE ABORTION IS PERFORMED OR INDUCED; AND**

22 **(2) PROVIDES OBSTETRICAL OR GYNECOLOGICAL SERVICES.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B) BEFORE A PHYSICIAN PERFORMS OR INDUCES AN ABORTION, THE**  
2 **PHYSICIAN SHALL PROVIDE THE WOMAN WHO IS TERMINATING HER PREGNANCY**  
3 **WITH:**

4           **(1) THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE HOSPITAL CLOSEST**  
5 **TO THE WOMAN'S RESIDENCE AT WHICH A HEALTH EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE**  
6 **ABORTION MAY BE TREATED; AND**

7           **(2) A TELEPHONE NUMBER BY WHICH THE WOMAN MAY CONTACT, AT**  
8 **ANY TIME OF THE DAY, THE PHYSICIAN, A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER EMPLOYED BY**  
9 **THE PHYSICIAN, OR THE FACILITY IN WHICH THE ABORTION WAS PERFORMED OR**  
10 **INDUCED AND THAT HAS ACCESS TO THE WOMAN'S MEDICAL RECORDS TO REQUEST:**

11                   **(I) ASSISTANCE FOR ANY HEALTH COMPLICATIONS CAUSED BY**  
12 **THE ABORTION; OR**

13                   **(II) THE ANSWER TO HEALTH-RELATED QUESTIONS**  
14 **REGARDING THE ABORTION.**

15           **(C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY**  
16 **OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING**  
17 **\$4,000.**

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