

BILL NO: House Bill 0372  
TITLE: Hospitals – Emergency Pregnancy-Related Medical Conditions - Procedures  
COMMITTEE: Health  
HEARING DATE: February 11, 2026  
POSITION: **SUPPORT**

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The Women's Law Center of Maryland is a nonprofit legal organization dedicated to protecting the physical safety, economic security, and civil rights of women and their families across Maryland. In furtherance of this mission, the Women's Law Center of Maryland strongly supports Senate Bill 372 – *Hospitals – Emergency Medical Conditions – Procedures*, which codifies the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) into Maryland law.

The future of federal enforcement of EMTALA is uncertain. Any shift in federal interpretation or enforcement would have devastating consequences for women's health across the country. Because most states, including Maryland, have not codified EMTALA protections into state law, Maryland residents remain vulnerable to changes at the federal level. Senate Bill 372 provides a critical legal safety net, ensuring that patients continue to have access to emergency medical care regardless of the evolving national landscape.

For these reasons, we respectfully request a favorable report on SB 372. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net) or (443) 926-3443.

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