

SENATE BILL 975

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(4lr2597)

ENROLLED BILL

— Finance/Appropriations —

Introduced by Senators Elfreth, Gile, Hettleman, ~~and Kelly Kelly, and Lam Lam,~~ Kagan, Carter, M. Washington, Kramer, Feldman, Ellis, King, Smith, Guzzone, Lewis Young, Sydnor, and Brooks

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Public Safety~~ **Maryland Department of Health – Reproductive Health Care**
3 **Clinic Security Grant Program – Establishment**
4 **(Supporting Reproductive Health Care Clinics Act)**

5 FOR the purpose of establishing the Reproductive Health Care Clinic Security Grant
6 Program in the ~~Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services~~
7 Maryland Department of Health to assist reproductive health care clinics in the
8 State with costs associated with security improvements and safety operational
9 expenses; and generally relating to the Reproductive Health Care Clinic Security
10 Grant Program.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Health – General

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 Section 4-301(a), (h), and (j)
 2 Annotated Code of Maryland
 3 (2023 Replacement Volume)

4 BY adding to

5 Article – ~~Public Safety~~ Health – General
 6 Section ~~4-1701~~ 13-5201 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle ~~17~~ 52. Reproductive
 7 Health Care Clinic Security Grant Program”
 8 Annotated Code of Maryland
 9 ~~(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)~~ (2023 Replacement Volume)

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

12 **Article – Health – General**

13 4-301.

14 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

15 (h) (1) “Health care provider” means:

16 (i) A person who is licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized under
 17 the Health Occupations Article or § 13-516 of the Education Article to provide health care
 18 in the ordinary course of business or practice of a profession or in an approved education or
 19 training program; or

20 (ii) A facility where health care is provided to patients or recipients,
 21 including a facility as defined in § 10-101(g) of this article, a hospital as defined in §
 22 19-301 of this article, a related institution as defined in § 19-301 of this article, a health
 23 maintenance organization as defined in § 19-701(g) of this article, an outpatient clinic, a
 24 medical laboratory, a comprehensive crisis response center, a crisis stabilization center,
 25 and a crisis treatment center established under § 7.5-207 of this article.

26 (2) “Health care provider” includes the agents, employees, officers, and
 27 directors of a facility and the agents and employees of a health care provider.

28 (j) “Legally protected health care” means all reproductive health services,
 29 medications, and supplies related to:

30 (1) The provision of abortion care; and

31 (2) Other sensitive health services as determined by the Secretary based
 32 on the recommendations of the Protected Health Care Commission established under §
 33 4-310 of this subtitle.

34 ~~Article – Public Safety~~

1 **(1) THE PERSONAL INFORMATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL APPLYING FOR,**
2 **PARTICIPATING IN, OR ADMINISTERING A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM; OR**

3 **(2) INFORMATION REGARDING A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THE**
4 **PROGRAM IF THE DISCLOSURE WOULD COMPROMISE THE SAFETY OF THE GRANT**
5 **RECIPIENT.**

6 **(G) (1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, THE GOVERNOR MAY INCLUDE IN THE**
7 **ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO THE PROGRAM.**

8 **(2) UP TO 5% OF THE MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE PROGRAM MAY**
9 **BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2024.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.