

# HOUSE BILL 541

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By: **Delegate George**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2008

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Teenage Protection Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain facilities performing certain procedures to offer  
4 certain options to certain patients; requiring certain facilities to provide a  
5 certain form to be signed by certain patients; providing for the information to be  
6 provided on the form; requiring the form to be maintained in the medical record  
7 of the patient for a certain time period; providing for a certain penalty; defining  
8 a certain term; providing that this Act applies in Anne Arundel County;  
9 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Teenage  
10 Protection Pilot Program.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Health – General

13 Section 20–215

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Health – General**

19 **20–215.**

20 (A) **IN THIS SECTION, “PATIENT” MEANS A WOMAN UNDER THE AGE OF**  
21 **20 YEARS.**

22 (B) **THIS SECTION APPLIES IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(C) PRIOR TO PERFORMING AN ABORTION ON A PATIENT, A FACILITY**  
2 **THAT PROVIDES ABORTION SERVICES AND IS EQUIPPED WITH**  
3 **ULTRASONOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT SHALL:**

4                   **(1) OFFER THE PATIENT THE OPTION TO VIEW THE IMAGE OF THE**  
5 **FETUS ON THE ULTRASONOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT;**

6                   **(2) OFFER THE PATIENT THE OPTION TO RECEIVE AN IMAGE**  
7 **PRINTOUT OF THE FETUS FROM THE ULTRASONOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT; AND**

8                   **(3) REQUIRE THE PATIENT TO SIGN A “TEENAGE**  
9 **INFORMATIONAL FORM”.**

10           **(D) THE “TEENAGE INFORMATIONAL FORM” REQUIRED UNDER**  
11 **SUBSECTION (C)(3) OF THIS SECTION SHALL:**

12                   **(1) REQUIRE THE PATIENT TO SIGN WHETHER THE PATIENT**  
13 **ACCEPTS OR REJECTS HER RIGHT TO VIEW THE IMAGE OF THE FETUS ON THE**  
14 **ULTRASONOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT; AND**

15                   **(2) REQUIRE THE PATIENT TO SIGN WHETHER THE PATIENT**  
16 **ACCEPTS OR REJECTS HER RIGHT TO RECEIVE AN IMAGE PRINTOUT OF THE**  
17 **FETUS FROM THE ULTRASONOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT.**

18           **(E) THE “TEENAGE INFORMATIONAL FORM” SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN**  
19 **THE MEDICAL RECORD OF THE PATIENT UNTIL THE PATIENT IS AT LEAST 20**  
20 **YEARS OLD.**

21           **(F) A PERSON WHO FAILS TO MAINTAIN A SIGNED COPY OF THE**  
22 **“TEENAGE INFORMATIONAL FORM” AS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION IS GUILTY**  
23 **OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT**  
24 **EXCEEDING \$1,000.**

25           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 July 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30,  
27 2011, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
28 abrogated and of no further force and effect.