

# HOUSE BILL 19

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By: **Delegate Smigiel**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health – Abortions – Location of Procedure**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that if an abortion procedure is begun in the State, the  
4 entire abortion procedure must be performed in the State; providing that a  
5 patient may be transported across state lines during an abortion procedure  
6 under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the location of abortion  
7 procedures.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Health – General  
10 Section 20–208  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Health – General**

16 20–208.

17 (A) An abortion must be performed by a licensed physician.

18 (B) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS  
19 SUBSECTION, IF AN ABORTION PROCEDURE IS BEGUN IN THE STATE, THE  
20 ENTIRE ABORTION PROCEDURE MUST BE PERFORMED IN THE STATE.

21 (2) A PATIENT MAY BE TRANSPORTED ACROSS STATE LINES  
22 DURING AN ABORTION PROCEDURE IF AN EMERGENCY EXISTS AND THE

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1    **PHYSICIAN PERFORMING THE ABORTION PROCEDURE DETERMINES THAT**  
2    **TRANSPORTING THE PATIENT ACROSS STATE LINES IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT**  
3    **THE LIFE OR HEALTH OF THE PATIENT.**

4            SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5    October 1, 2011.