

SENATE BILL 85

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By: **Senator Simonaire**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health – Medical Procedures – Ultrasound Options**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain physicians, under certain circumstances, to
4 provide a certain pregnant woman the opportunity to view a certain ultrasound
5 image before the performance or inducement of a certain medical procedure;
6 requiring a physician to allow a certain pregnant woman to view a certain
7 ultrasound image at no additional charge; and generally relating to ultrasound
8 options for medical procedures.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Health – General
11 Section 20–210
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Health – General**

17 **20–210.**

18 **(A) IF AN OBSTETRIC ULTRASOUND EXAMINATION IS PERFORMED AT**
19 **ANY TIME BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE OR INDUCEMENT OF AN ABORTION OR**
20 **THE PHYSICIAN PERFORMING OR INDUCING THE ABORTION DETERMINES THAT**
21 **AN ULTRASOUND EXAMINATION WILL BE PERFORMED AS PART OF THE**
22 **ABORTION PROCEDURE, BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE OR INDUCEMENT OF THE**
23 **ABORTION, THE PHYSICIAN SHALL PROVIDE THE PREGNANT WOMAN RECEIVING**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 THE ABORTION THE OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW THE ACTIVE ULTRASOUND IMAGE
2 OF THE EMBRYO OR FETUS.

3 (B) THE PHYSICIAN SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF
4 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION AT NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE TO THE
5 PREGNANT WOMAN.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2014.