

SENATE BILL 158

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SB 85/14 – FIN

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By: **Senator Simonaire**
Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2015
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 provide
4 a certain pregnant woman the opportunity to view a certain ultrasound image before
5 the performance or inducement of a certain medical procedure; requiring a physician
6 to allow a certain pregnant woman to view a certain ultrasound image at no
7 additional charge; and generally relating to ultrasound options for medical
8 procedures.

9 BY adding to
10 Article – Health – General
11 Section 20–210
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
15 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 ANY**
19 **TIME BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE OR INDUCEMENT OF AN ABORTION OR THE**
20 **PHYSICIAN PERFORMING OR INDUCING THE ABORTION DETERMINES THAT AN**
21 **ULTRASOUND EXAMINATION WILL BE PERFORMED AS PART OF THE ABORTION**
22 **PROCEDURE, BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE OR INDUCEMENT OF THE ABORTION, THE**
23 **PHYSICIAN SHALL PROVIDE THE PREGNANT WOMAN RECEIVING THE ABORTION THE**
24 **OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW THE ACTIVE ULTRASOUND IMAGE OF THE EMBRYO OR**
25 **FETUS.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2015.