

HOUSE BILL 1357

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By: **Delegate Glass**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – State Funding for Abortions – Prohibition and Exceptions**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the use of State funds to pay for an abortion procedure or
4 health benefits coverage of abortion procedures; providing that a certain prohibition
5 does not apply under certain circumstances; and generally relating to State funding
6 for abortions.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Health – General

9 Section 20–217 to be under the new part “Part V. State Funding”

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2015 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article – Health – General**

15 **20–215. RESERVED.**

16 **20–216. RESERVED.**

17 **PART V. STATE FUNDING.**

18 **20–217.**

19 **(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, NO STATE**
20 **FUNDS MAY BE USED TO PAY FOR AN ABORTION PROCEDURE OR HEALTH BENEFITS**
21 **COVERAGE THAT INCLUDES COVERAGE OF ABORTION PROCEDURES.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) THE PROHIBITION IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT**
2 **APPLY IF:**

3 **(1) THE WOMAN'S PREGNANCY IS THE RESULT OF AN ACT OF RAPE OR**
4 **INCEST; OR**

5 **(2) THE WOMAN HAS A LIFE-ENDANGERING PHYSICAL CONDITION**
6 **CAUSED BY OR ARISING FROM THE PREGNANCY ITSELF THAT WOULD, AS CERTIFIED**
7 **BY A PHYSICIAN, PLACE THE WOMAN IN DANGER OF DEATH UNLESS AN ABORTION IS**
8 **PERFORMED.**

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2016.