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By: **Senator Reilly**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Freestanding Birthing Centers – Use of Ultrasound Imaging**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, after
4 consultation with certain representatives, to establish by regulation certain
5 standards for the use of ultrasound imaging in a freestanding birthing center; and
6 generally relating to freestanding birthing centers and the use of ultrasound
7 imaging.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Health – General

10 Section 19–3B–01(a), (c), and (d)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2015 Replacement Volume)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Health – General

15 Section 19–3B–03(a)(1)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2015 Replacement Volume)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Health – General**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 19-3B-01.

2 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

3 (c) "Freestanding ambulatory care facility" means:

4 (1) An ambulatory surgical facility;

5 (2) A freestanding endoscopy facility;

6 (3) A freestanding facility utilizing major medical equipment;

7 (4) A kidney dialysis center; or

8 (5) A freestanding birthing center.

9 (d) (1) "Freestanding birthing center" means a facility that provides nurse
10 midwife services under Title 8, Subtitle 6 of the Health Occupations Article.

11 (2) "Freestanding birthing center" does not include:

12 (i) A hospital regulated under Subtitle 2 of this title; or

13 (ii) The private residence of the mother.

14 19-3B-03.

15 (a) (1) After consultation with representatives of payors, health care
16 practitioners, and **FREESTANDING** ambulatory care facilities, the Secretary shall by
17 regulation establish:

18 (i) Procedures to implement the provisions of this subtitle; and

19 (ii) Standards to ensure quality of care and patient safety that shall
20 include:

21 1. Procedures for credentialing and practitioner performance
22 evaluation;

23 2. Qualifications of health care practitioners and support
24 personnel;

25 3. Procedures to be followed in the event of an emergency,
26 including a requirement that in the event of an emergency the patient be transported to
27 the nearest appropriate emergency care facility;

1 4. Procedures for quality control of any biomedical
2 equipment;

3 5. Procedures for postoperative recovery;

4 6. Procedures for discharge; [and]

5 7. THE USE OF ULTRASOUND IMAGING IN A
6 FREESTANDING BIRTHING CENTER; AND

7 [7.] 8. Any other procedures that the Secretary considers
8 necessary for quality of care and patient safety.

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.