

SENATE BILL 626

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By: **Senator Simonaire**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2016

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health – Medical Procedures – Ultrasound Options**
3 **(Full Medical Disclosure Act)**

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

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Health – General
12 Section 20–210
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2015 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article – Health – General**

18 **20–210.**

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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