

HOUSE BILL 34

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Angel**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Disease Control and Prevention – HPV Screening Tests**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain health care practitioners to offer a screening test for
4 HPV to certain individuals at a certain time; requiring certain health care
5 practitioners to inform certain individuals about the risks associated with HPV
6 under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to HPV
7 screening tests.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Health – General

10 Section 18–214.2

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Health – General**

16 **18–214.2.**

17 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
18 **INDICATED.**

19 **(2) “HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:**

20 **(I) IS LICENSED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE;**

21 **AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(II) PROVIDES SCREENING TESTS FOR A SEXUALLY**
2 **TRANSMITTED INFECTION AND HPV IN THE STATE UNDER THE INDIVIDUAL'S**
3 **SCOPE OF PRACTICE.**

4 **(3) "HPV" MEANS INFECTION BY ONE OR MORE AGENTS OF THE**
5 **HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS.**

6 **(4) "SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION" MEANS AN INFECTION**
7 **THAT MAY BE:**

8 **(I) TRANSFERRED FROM ONE INDIVIDUAL TO ANOTHER**
9 **THROUGH SEXUAL CONTACT; AND**

10 **(II) DETECTED THROUGH A LABORATORY TEST.**

11 **(B) A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER WHO OFFERS A SCREENING TEST TO A**
12 **MAN FOR A SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION SHALL OFFER A SCREENING TEST**
13 **FOR HPV TO THE SAME MAN AT THE SAME TIME.**

14 **(C) IN OFFERING A SCREENING TEST UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS**
15 **SECTION, A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER SHALL INFORM THE INDIVIDUAL ABOUT**
16 **THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH HPV.**

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2018.