

# HOUSE BILL 834

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CF SB 423

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By: **Delegate Metzgar**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Health – General

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

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 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 **20–215. RESERVED.**

17 **20–216. RESERVED.**

18 **PART V. FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING.**

19 **20–217.**

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 PROCEDURES.

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

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

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

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 October 1, 2021.