

HOUSE BILL 1032

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By: **Delegate Cullison**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2021

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations – Licensed Direct–Entry Midwives – Previous Cesarean**
3 **Section**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which a licensed direct–entry midwife
5 is prohibited from assuming or taking certain responsibility for a patient who had a
6 previous cesarean section; requiring a licensed direct–entry midwife to consult with
7 a health care practitioner and document the consultation if a patient had a previous
8 cesarean section that resulted in a certain incision and was performed at least a
9 certain number of months before a certain date; and generally relating to the practice
10 of licensed direct–entry midwifery and cesarean sections.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Health Occupations
13 Section 8–6C–03(11) and 8–6C–04(a)(20) and (21)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

16 BY adding to
17 Article – Health Occupations
18 Section 8–6C–04(a)(22)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – Health Occupations**

24 8–6C–03.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 A licensed direct-entry midwife may not assume or continue to take responsibility
2 for a patient's pregnancy and birth care and shall arrange for the orderly transfer of care
3 to a health care practitioner for a patient who is already under the care of the licensed
4 direct-entry midwife, if any of the following disorders or situations is found to be present
5 at the initial interview or if any of the following disorders or situations occur as prenatal
6 care proceeds:

7 (11) Previous uterine surgery, including:

8 (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 8-6C-04 OF THIS SUBTITLE, a
9 cesarean section [or myomectomy]; OR

10 (II) MYOMECTOMY;

11 8-6C-04.

12 (a) A licensed direct-entry midwife shall consult with a health care practitioner,
13 and document the consultation, the recommendations of the consultation, and the
14 discussion of the consultation with the client, if any of the following conditions are present
15 during prenatal care:

16 (20) Inflammatory bowel disease, in remission; [or]

17 (21) Active genital herpes lesions during pregnancy; OR

18 (22) A SINGLE PREVIOUS CESAREAN SECTION THAT:

19 (I) RESULTED IN THE PATIENT HAVING A CONFIRMED LOW
20 TRANSVERSE INCISION; AND

21 (II) WAS PERFORMED AT LEAST 18 MONTHS BEFORE THE
22 EXPECTED DATE OF BIRTH FOR THE CURRENT PREGNANCY.

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