

# HOUSE BILL 1159

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By: **Delegate Lopez**

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Assigned to: Health

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health and Health Insurance – Access to Abortion Care – Reporting**  
3 **Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that the annual report on the Abortion Care Clinical Training  
5 Program include certain recommendations; requiring the Maryland Insurance  
6 Commissioner to collect certain data on certain segregated accounts established  
7 under the federal Affordable Care Act and certain federal regulations from certain  
8 insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations and  
9 submit a certain report to certain committees on or before a certain date each year;  
10 and generally relating to abortion care.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
12 Article – Health – General  
13 Section 13–4701(a) and (c)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article – Health – General  
18 Section 13–4707  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

21 BY adding to  
22 Article – Insurance  
23 Section 15–148  
24 Annotated Code of Maryland  
25 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



**Article – Health – General**

13–4701.

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

(c) “Program” means the Abortion Care Clinical Training Program.

13–4707.

On or before July 1 each year, the Department shall submit an annual report on the Program to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, **THAT INCLUDES RECOMMENDATIONS ON ACTIONS THE STATE CAN TAKE TO ENSURE THAT THERE ARE A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TO PROVIDE ABORTION CARE IN THE STATE.**

**Article – Insurance**

15–148.

**(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES WITH RESPECT TO:**

**(1) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT PROVIDE HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS ON AN EXPENSE–INCURRED BASIS UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND**

**(2) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS UNDER CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.**

**(B) (1) EACH YEAR, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL COLLECT DATA FROM THE ENTITIES SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION ON RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, ENDING BALANCES, AND INTEREST FOR SEGREGATED ACCOUNTS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 1303(B)(2)(B) AND (C) OF THE FEDERAL PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND 45 C.F.R. § 156.280.**

**(2) (I) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 EACH YEAR, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REPORT TO THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE HEALTH COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE AGGREGATE DATA COLLECTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

1                   **(II) THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF**  
2 **THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL USE DATA COLLECTED FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR THAT IS**  
3 **2 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING JANUARY 1 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE REPORT**  
4 **IS DUE.**

5                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
6 1, 2026.