

HOUSE BILL 1401

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Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2026

Assigned to: Health

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Abortion – Informed Consent**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring qualified providers to inform patients of certain information
4 and obtain signed, written informed consent before performing a procedure to
5 terminate a pregnancy; and generally relating to informed consent for terminating a
6 pregnancy.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Health – General

9 Section 20–201 to be under the amended part “Part I. Abortion Services”

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Health – General**

15 **Part I. Abortion [Referral] Services.**

16 **20–201.**

17 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “QUALIFIED PROVIDER” HAS THE MEANING STATED**
18 **IN § 20–207 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

19 **(B) BEFORE PERFORMING A PROCEDURE TO TERMINATE A PREGNANCY, A**
20 **QUALIFIED PROVIDER SHALL:**

21 **(1) INFORM THE PATIENT OF:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(I) THE NATURE OF THE PROPOSED PROCEDURE; AND**

2 **(II) THE POTENTIAL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROCEDURE,**
3 **INCLUDING THE RISKS OF DEPRESSION, INFECTION, HEMORRHAGE, BREAST**
4 **CANCER, DANGER TO SUBSEQUENT PREGNANCIES, INFERTILITY, AND REGRET; AND**

5 **(2) OBTAIN THE PATIENT’S SIGNED, WRITTEN INFORMED CONSENT.**

6 **(C) THE QUALIFIED PROVIDER SHALL PLACE A COPY OF THE SIGNED,**
7 **WRITTEN INFORMED CONSENT IN THE PATIENT’S MEDICAL RECORD.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2026.