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**House Bill 1198  
Public Health – Abortion – Drug-Induced Abortions  
House Health and Government Operations Committee**

**Position: SUPPORT**

The Maryland Catholic Conference represents the public policy interests of the three Roman Catholic (arch)dioceses serving Maryland: the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the Archdiocese of Washington, and the Diocese of Wilmington, which together encompass over one million Marylanders.

**House Bill 1198** would prohibit non-physicians from providing drug-induced abortion, establish a rigorous informed consent policy for women, require follow-ups by physicians, provide abortion pill reversal information to women, and require the Maryland Department of Health to track the utilization and procedure of drug-induced abortion.

Women deserve to have basic, relevant and medically appropriate information to make a truly informed decision regarding an abortion.

The Maryland Catholic Conference works to foster a culture of life by advocating for laws that uphold the dignity of the human person and that assist pregnant women in need, while working to ensure the State sets and enforces safe standards for women's health care.

It is for these reasons that the Maryland Catholic Conference respectfully urges a favorable report for **HB 1198**. Thank you for your consideration.