

HB 1198

Support

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Please issue a favorable opinion on House Bill 1198.

This bill deals with how the state of Maryland regulates abortion. Abortion is legal. This bill makes no attempt to restrict that. The state has a compelling interest in regulating all legal medical procedures to ensure reasonable regulations and restrictions. The state has an interest to ensure all patient safety, including in potential emergency situations. Most of all, the state has an obligation to ensure that women receiving drug-induced abortions receive a proper level of medical care.

HB1198 requires a higher standard of patient care for women's safety and proper administration of drug-induced abortions. It is appropriate to require a good standard of care for women by requiring physicians with appropriate training. This bill seeks to protect patients requiring a higher standard of care for their safety of women. This bill helps to ensure standards of patient care are followed for the life and wellbeing of the patient, and will require doctors to take greater responsibility for complications.

My friends and family include doctors and nurses. Too often they see in the Emergency Room young women dumped at a hospital suffering from complications related to drug-induced abortions. Too often area clinics push women away from their care when complications occur in a misguided attempt to put business reputation above the care of a woman in medical need. Too often we see the businesses associated with the opponents of this bill talking about serving women...until there's a complication. Protect our daughters.

For these reasons, please return a favorable report on HB1198.