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## HB1357 – Public Health – Reproductive Health Care Data - Report

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Chair Pena-Melnyk and Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee:

HB1357 will require the Maryland Department of Health to collect and report data regarding the cost of birth, postpartum care, pregnancy care, and abortion to better understand the financial impact of these services on individuals, providers, and the state and inform public policy decisions related to maternal and reproductive healthcare to promote transparency and accountability in health care spending while safeguarding the privacy of all individuals. The Maryland Department of Health will not be required to collect or report data that would violate Federal or State Privacy Laws.

The Maryland General Assembly will be provided with a comprehensive report on or before December 1<sup>st</sup> each year, beginning in 2025.

I respectfully request a FAVORABLE report from the committee.

Sincerely,

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