

SENATE BILL 250

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health – Medical Procedures – Ultrasound Options**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain physicians, under certain circumstances, to
4 provide a certain pregnant woman the opportunity to view a certain ultrasound
5 image and offer to provide the woman with a certain picture before the
6 performance or inducement of a certain medical procedure; requiring a
7 physician to allow a certain pregnant woman to view a certain ultrasound image
8 at no additional charge; and generally relating to ultrasound options for a
9 medical procedure.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Health – General
12 Section 20–210
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2009 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article – Health – General**

18 **20–210.**

19 **(A) IF AN OBSTETRIC ULTRASOUND EXAMINATION IS PERFORMED AT**
20 **ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE PERFORMANCE OR INDUCEMENT OF AN ABORTION OR**
21 **THE PHYSICIAN PERFORMING OR INDUCING THE ABORTION DETERMINES THAT**
22 **AN ULTRASOUND EXAMINATION WILL BE PERFORMED AS PART OF THE**
23 **ABORTION PROCEDURE, PRIOR TO THE PERFORMANCE OR INDUCEMENT OF THE**
24 **ABORTION, THE PHYSICIAN SHALL:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) PROVIDE THE PREGNANT WOMAN RECEIVING THE ABORTION**
2 **THE OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW THE ACTIVE ULTRASOUND IMAGE OF THE EMBRYO**
3 **OR FETUS; AND**

4 **(2) OFFER TO PROVIDE THE PREGNANT WOMAN WITH A PHYSICAL**
5 **PICTURE OF THE ULTRASOUND IMAGE OF THE EMBRYO OR FETUS.**

6 **(B) THE PHYSICIAN SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF**
7 **SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION AT NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE TO THE**
8 **PREGNANT WOMAN.**

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2010.