

SENATE BILL 195

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By: **Senators Simonaire and Greenip**
Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2009
Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County – Ultrasound Options**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain facilities in Anne Arundel County to require a
4 health care provider to offer patients the option to receive certain information
5 through the use of ultrasonography equipment before performing a certain
6 medical procedure; and generally relating to ultrasound options in Anne
7 Arundel County.

8 BY adding to
9 Article – Health – General
10 Section 20–211
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Health – General**

16 **20–211.**

17 (A) **THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.**

18 (B) **PRIOR TO PERFORMING AN ABORTION ON A PATIENT, A FACILITY**
19 **THAT PROVIDES ABORTION SERVICES AND IS EQUIPPED WITH**
20 **ULTRASONOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT SHALL REQUIRE A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER**
21 **TO OFFER THE PATIENT THE OPTION TO:**

22 (1) **VIEW THE IMAGE OF THE FETUS ON THE ULTRASONOGRAPHY**
23 **EQUIPMENT;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) RECEIVE AN IMAGE PRINTOUT OF THE FETUS FROM THE**
2 **ULTRASONOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT; AND**

3 **(3) LISTEN TO THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FETUS FROM THE**
4 **ULTRASONOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT.**

5 **(C) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2009, THE SECRETARY SHALL**
6 **ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2009.