

(16) Section 410 (relating to murder committed in perpetration of rape, sodomy, etc.);

(17) Section 411 (relating to second degree murder);

(18) Section 461 (relating to rape generally);

(19) Section 486 (relating to robbery generally);

(20) Section 488 (relating to robbery with a deadly weapon).

II(21) SECTION 122 (RELATING TO DISORDERLY CONDUCT IF THE OFFENSE CONSISTS OF BEHAVIOR AMOUNTING TO INDECENT EXPOSURE). II

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 24, 1973.

CHAPTER 726

(Senate Bill 961)

AN ACT to repeal Section 138 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Health", subtitle "Practitioners of Medicine," subheading "Abortion"; and to add new Section 556 E to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Supplement), title "Health", subtitle "Hospitals and Related Institutions," to follow immediately after Section 556 D thereof, providing generally that persons and hospitals shall not be required to perform, participate in, or submit to abortions, sterilizations, or [I] other elective medical procedures not required in order to save life [I] artificial insemination.

Section 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 138 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Health", subtitle "Practitioners of Medicine," subheading "Abortion," be and it is hereby repealed.

§138. Refusal to perform or participate in or submit to abortion; refusal of hospital to permit.

(a) No person shall be required to perform or participate in medical procedures which result in the termination of pregnancy; and the refusal of any person to perform or participate in these medical procedures shall not be a basis for civil liability to any person nor a basis for any disciplinary or any other recriminatory action against him.

(b) No hospital, hospital director or governing board shall be required to permit the termination of human pregnancies within its institution and the refusal to permit such procedures shall not be grounds for civil liability to any person nor a basis for any disciplinary or other recriminatory action against it by the State or any person.

(c) The refusal of any person to submit to an abortion or to give consent therefor shall not be grounds for loss of any privileges or immunities to which such person would otherwise be entitled nor shall submission to an abortion or the