

Article 43 - Health
Section 129A(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 43 - Health
Section 129A(e)
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 129A(c) of Article 43 - Health, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

129A.

(c) A violation of the provisions of this section [shall constitute] IS a misdemeanor and upon conviction [thereof may be punished by] IS SUBJECT TO a fine [of not more than five thousand dollars] NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000, OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING ONE YEAR, OR BOTH.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Section 129A(e) be and it is hereby added to Article 43 - Health, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

129A.

(E) (1) NO PERSON, FIRM, PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION OR CORPORATION, OR ITS AGENT OR EMPLOYEE MAY OPERATE AN ABORTION REFERRAL SERVICE UNLESS THE SERVICE IS REGISTERED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL PROPOSE AND ENACT REGULATIONS FOR ABORTION REFERRAL SERVICES INCLUDING MEDICAL STANDARDS[,] AND GUIDELINES FOR REFERRAL PROCEDURE AND TRAINING FOR THE STAFF.

(2) {[NO ABORTION REFERRAL SERVICE MAY REFER ANY USER OF THE SERVICE TO ANY OUT-OF-STATE ABORTION CLINIC WHICH DOES NOT FOLLOW PROCEDURES CONSIDERED