

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

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(A) A PERSON MAY NOT PERFORM BEFORE A PHYSICIAN PERFORMS AN ABORTION UNLESS THE WOMAN UNDERGOING THE PROCEDURE HAS BEEN ADVISED SHALL BE ADVISED OF:

(1) THAT THE EXTENT TO WHICH FINANCIAL AND OTHER MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO CARRY THE PREGNANCY TO A NORMAL DELIVERY MAY BE IS AVAILABLE;

(2) THAT THE EXTENT TO WHICH FINANCIAL AND OTHER MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO RAISE AND SUPPORT HER CHILD MAY BE IS AVAILABLE; AND

(3) THAT THE EXTENT TO WHICH ASSISTANCE FROM LICENSED AND REGULATED ADOPTION AGENCIES MAY BE IS AVAILABLE IF SHE CHOOSES NOT TO KEEP THE BABY.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES IN COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL ANNUALLY PREPARE, PERIODICALLY UPDATE, AND PUBLISH A LIST OF FEDERAL, STATE, AND PRIVATE SOURCES OF THE TYPES AND EXTENT OF ASSISTANCE REFERRED TO IN SUBSECTION (A), AND SHALL DISTRIBUTE THIS PUBLISHED INFORMATION TO ALL HOSPITALS, CLINICS, PHYSICIANS' OFFICES, AND OTHER FACILITIES WHERE ABORTIONS ARE PERFORMED.

(C) THE SIGNING OF A DOCUMENT BY A PERSON SEEKING AN ABORTION INDICATING THAT ~~THEY HAVE~~ SHE HAS BEEN SHOWN COUNSELLED CONCERNING THE PUBLISHED INFORMATION REFERRED TO IN SUBSECTION (B) SHALL BE EVIDENCE THAT THE REQUISITE INFORMATION WAS GIVEN TO THE PERSON. THE SIGNED DOCUMENT SHALL BECOME PART OF THE MEDICAL RECORD.

(D) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY WHEN IT IS CERTIFIED BY THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN THAT ABORTION IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO SAVE THE PHYSICAL LIFE OF THE PREGNANT WOMAN.

(E) ANY PERSON WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (A), OR WHO AIDS AND ABETS A VIOLATION OF THAT SUBSECTION, IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR, AND UPON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 60 DAYS OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN ~~\$500 \$1000,~~ OR BOTH \$500.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Approved May 29, 1979.