

General Fund Appropriation, provided that no part of this general fund appropriation may be paid to any physician or surgeon or any hospital, clinic, or other medical facility for or in connection with the performance of any abortion, except upon certification by a physician or surgeon, based upon his or her professional judgment that the procedure is necessary, provided one of the following conditions exists: where continuation of the pregnancy is likely to result in the death of the woman; or where the woman is a victim of rape, sexual offense, or incest which has been reported to a law enforcement agency or a public health or social agency; or where it can be ascertained by the physician with a reasonable degree of medical certainty that the fetus is affected by genetic defect or serious deformity or abnormality; or where it can be ascertained by the physician with a reasonable degree of medical certainty that termination of pregnancy is medically necessary because there is substantial risk that continuation of the pregnancy could have a serious and adverse effect on the woman's present or future physical health; or before an abortion can be performed on the grounds of mental health there must be certification in writing by the physician or surgeon that in his or her professional judgment there exists medical evidence that continuation of the pregnancy is creating a serious effect on the woman's present mental health and if carried to term there is a substantial risk of a serious or long lasting effect on the woman's future mental health.

Further provided that this appropriation shall be reduced by \$133,000 contingent on enactment of legislation eliminating the employer-sponsored coverage component of the Maryland Children's Health Program .....

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