

1991 LAWS OF MARYLAND

MARYLAND, Sct.:

At a Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, begun and held in the City of Annapolis on the Ninth Day of January, 1991, and Ending on the Eighth Day of April, 1991, William Donald Schaefer, being Governor of the State, the following laws were enacted, to wit:

CHAPTER 1

(Senate Bill 162)

AN ACT concerning

Abortion

FOR the purpose of revising certain statutory provisions relating to abortion; authorizing a physician to perform an abortion on an unmarried minor without notice to a parent or guardian of the minor if, in the professional judgment of the physician, the minor is mature and capable of giving informed consent or notice would not be in the best interest of the minor; prohibiting a physician from giving notice to a parent or guardian if the minor decides not to have the abortion; repealing a certain provision of law related to certain information that must be provided prior to an abortion; repealing certain provisions of law related to abortion referral services; clarifying a provision of law related to referral services; requiring that an abortion be performed by a licensed physician; providing that the State may not interfere with the decision of a woman to terminate a pregnancy if certain conditions exist and under certain circumstances; specifying that the State may not interfere with a woman's decision to terminate a pregnancy at any time if certain circumstances exist; providing a certain immunity for a physician under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt certain regulations related to the termination of a human pregnancy; repealing a provision of law related to the imposition of certain penalties against certain persons who violate certain provisions of law related to the termination of a human pregnancy; repealing a provision of law related to certain disciplinary actions against a licensed physician for performing an abortion outside a licensed hospital; defining certain terms; making provisions of this Act severable; specifying that if a certain provision of this Act is petitioned to referendum and rejected by the voters, such rejection does not affect other provisions of the Act unless the other provisions are also petitioned to referendum and rejected by the voters; and generally relating to abortion.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics denote opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.