

10 AN ACT CONCERNING

20 **Parental Notification Age for Abortions in Maryland**

30 FOR the purpose of amending the age at which minors and their  
40 physicians are required to give parental notification for legally obtaining  
50 an abortion and making the age requiring parental notification consistent  
60 with the age of sexual consent under Maryland State Law.

70 BY repealing  
80 Article – Health – General  
90 Section 20-103  
100 Annotated Code of Maryland  
110 (2001 Replacement Volume)

120 BY adding to  
130 Article - Health- General  
140 Section 20-103 (c)  
150 Annotated Code of Maryland  
160 (2001 Replacement Volume)

170 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT  
180 LEGISLATURE, that the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

190 **Article- Health- General**

200 § 20-103.

210 (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, a  
220 a physician may not perform an abortion on an unmarried minor  
230 unless the physician first gives notice to a parent or guardian of  
240 that minor.

250 (b) The physician may perform the abortion without notice to a parent  
260 or guardian if

270 (1) The minor does not live with a parent or guardian; and

280 (2) A reasonable effort to give notice to a parent or guardian is  
290 unsuccessful.

300 (c) (1) The physician may perform the abortion, without notice to a  
310 parent or guardian of a minor if, in the professional  
320 judgment of the physician:

330 (i) Notice to the parent or guardian may lead to physical or  
340 emotional abuse of the minor;

350 ~~(ii) The minor is mature and capable of giving informed~~  
360 ~~consent to an abortion; or~~

370 (iii) Notification would not be in the best interest of the minor; OR

380 (III) THE MINOR SEEKING THE ABORTION IS SIXTEEN

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YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

400 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this act shall take effect on October 1, 2002.

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