

SENATE BILL 611

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CF HB 1084

By: **Senators Benson, Klausmeier, and Montgomery**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health – Pregnant Women – Hepatitis B Testing**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring an individual attending a woman for pregnancy to
4 submit to a medical laboratory a blood sample taken from the woman at the
5 time the individual first examines the woman and, under certain circumstances,
6 at the time of delivery; requiring the medical laboratory that receives the blood
7 sample to perform a certain hepatitis B ~~surface antigen~~ test; ~~providing for the~~
8 ~~application of this Act;~~ and generally relating to the testing of pregnant women
9 for hepatitis B.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Health – General
12 Section 18–310
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Health – General**

18 **18–310.**

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.



1 (A) ~~THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A WOMAN WHO OBJECTS TO A~~
2 ~~STANDARD HEPATITIS B SURFACE ANTIGEN TEST BECAUSE THE TEST IS~~
3 ~~AGAINST THE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND PRACTICES OF THE WOMAN.~~

4 ~~(B)~~ ~~(1)~~ THE INDIVIDUAL ATTENDING A WOMAN FOR PREGNANCY
5 SHALL SUBMIT TO A MEDICAL LABORATORY:

6 ~~(1)~~ (1) A BLOOD SAMPLE TAKEN FROM THE WOMAN AT
7 THE TIME THAT THE INDIVIDUAL FIRST EXAMINES THE WOMAN; AND

8 ~~(2)~~ (2) A BLOOD SAMPLE TAKEN FROM THE WOMAN AT
9 THE TIME OF DELIVERY IF:

10 ~~1~~ (I) THE WOMAN DID NOT HAVE PRENATAL
11 SERVICES BEFORE THE TIME OF DELIVERY; OR

12 ~~2~~ (II) THERE IS NO DOCUMENTATION OF THE
13 HEPATITIS B SURFACE ANTIGEN STATUS OF THE WOMAN.

14 ~~(2)~~ (B) THE MEDICAL LABORATORY RECEIVING THE BLOOD
15 SAMPLE SUBMITTED UNDER ~~PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION~~ SUBSECTION
16 (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL PERFORM A STANDARD HEPATITIS B SURFACE
17 ANTIGEN TEST THAT IS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2012.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.