

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 22-0110R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Middleton, Porter, Cohen, Ramos, Dorsey, Torrence, Bullock, Costello, Burnett, Conway, Stokes, McCray, Glover, and President Mosby

Introduced and read first time: June 13, 2022

Assigned to: Health, Environment, and Technology Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Baltimore City Health Department

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Investigative Hearing – Baltimore City as an Abortion Rights Protection Jurisdiction**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting that the City Solicitor and representatives from the Baltimore City
4 Health Department appear before the City Council to evaluate if Baltimore City is prepared
5 for an influx of patients seeking to terminate a pregnancy, to identify current barriers to
6 accessing abortion healthcare services, to identify disparities in the ability to access abortion
7 healthcare, specifically for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community and
8 for marginalized racial and ethnic groups, to identify safety concerns abortion healthcare
9 providers have in the present political environment and explore how to address these
10 concerns, and to specify how the recently-passed State Abortion Care Access Act will affect
11 abortion healthcare services in Baltimore City.

12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
13 Council requests that the City Solicitor and representatives from the Baltimore City Health
14 Department appear before the City Council to evaluate if Baltimore City is prepared for an influx
15 of patients seeking to terminate a pregnancy, to identify current barriers to accessing abortion
16 healthcare services, to identify disparities in the ability to access abortion healthcare, specifically
17 for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community and for marginalized racial and
18 ethnic groups, to identify safety concerns abortion healthcare providers have in the present
19 political environment and explore how to address these concerns, and to specify how the
20 recently-passed State Abortion Care Access Act will affect abortion healthcare services in
21 Baltimore City.

22 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the City Solicitor,
23 the Baltimore City Health Department, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.