



Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** Limited-Service Pregnancy Centers - Disclaimers

FOR the purpose of requiring limited-service pregnancy centers to provide a certain disclaimer to clients and potential clients; defining a certain term; imposing certain penalties; and generally relating to required disclaimers by limited-service pregnancy centers.

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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
12/4/2009	0	Mayor	Signed by Mayor	
11/23/2009	0	City Council	Approved and Sent to the Mayor	
11/16/2009	0	Judiciary and Legislative Investigations	Recommended Favorably with Amendment	
11/16/2009	0	City Council	Advanced to 3rd Rdr., Adopted Comm. Report	
11/16/2009	0	City Council	Amended	
10/19/2009	0	Judiciary and Legislative Investigations	Scheduled for a Public Hearing	
10/8/2009	0	The City Council	Referred for a Report	
10/8/2009	0	The City Council	Referred for a Report	
10/5/2009	0	City Council	Assigned	
10/5/2009	0	City Council	Introduced	

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

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INTRODUCTORY\*

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL

Introduced by: President Rawlings-Blake

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning  
**Limited-Service Pregnancy Centers - Disclaimers**

FOR the purpose of requiring limited-service pregnancy centers to provide a certain disclaimer to clients and potential clients; defining a certain term; imposing certain penalties; and generally relating to required disclaimers by limited-service pregnancy centers.

BY adding

Article - Health

Section(s) 3-501 through 3-506, to be under the new subtitle designation,

“Subtitle 5. Limited-Service Pregnancy Centers

Baltimore City Revised Code

(Edition 2000)

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

Baltimore City Revised Code

Article - Health

Title 3. Health Facilities

SUBTITLE 5. LIMITED-SERVICE PREGNANCY CENTERS

§ 3-501. “LIMITED-SERVICE PREGNANCY CENTER” DEFINED.

IN THIS SUBTITLE, “LIMITED-SERVICE PREGNANCY CENTER” MEANS ANY PERSON:

(1) WHOSE PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO PROVIDE PREGNANCY-RELATED SERVICES; AND

(2) WHO:

(I) FOR A FEE OR AS A FREE SERVICE, PROVIDES INFORMATION ABOUT PREGNANCY-RELATED SERVICES; BUT

(II) DOES NOT PROVIDE OR REFER FOR:

(A) ABORTIONS; OR

(B) NONDIRECTIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE BIRTH-CONTROL SERVICES.

§ 3-502. DISCLAIMER REQUIRED.

(A) IN GENERAL.

A LIMITED-SERVICE PREGNANCY CENTER MUST PROVIDE ITS CLIENTS AND POTENTIAL CLIENTS

WITH A DISCLAIMER SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE EFFECT THAT THE CENTER DOES NOT PROVIDE OR MAKE REFERRAL FOR ABORTION OR BIRTH-CONTROL SERVICES.

(B) HOW GIVEN.

THE DISCLAIMER REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION MUST BE GIVEN THROUGH 1 OR MORE SIGNS THAT ARE:

- (1) WRITTEN IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH;
- (2) EASILY READABLE; AND
- (3) CONSPICUOUSLY POSTED IN THE CENTER'S WAITING ROOM OR OTHER AREA WHERE INDIVIDUALS AWAIT SERVICE.

§§ 3503 TO 3505. {RESERVED}

§ 3506. PENALTIES: \$500.

(A) IN GENERAL.

ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES A PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE OR OF A RULE OR REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, ON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$500 FOR EACH OFFENSE.

(B) EACH DAY A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior Ordinance.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day after the date it is enacted.

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