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## HOUSE BILL NO. 492

Offered January 13, 2016

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*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 6 of Chapter 29 of Title 54.1 a section numbered 54.1-2973.1, relating to coercion of pregnant woman prohibited.*

Patrons—McClellan and Hester

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 6 of Chapter 29 of Title 54.1 a section numbered 54.1-2973.1 as follows:**

**§ 54.1-2973.1. Coercion of pregnant woman prohibited.**

*No practitioner of the healing arts shall make any attempt or take any action intended to coerce a pregnant woman regarding options related to the birth of her child, including consenting to surgical interventions related to the birth of her child.*

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