

HOUSE BILL No. 1128

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-34-2-1.1.

Synopsis: Informed consent requirements for abortion drugs. Requires that a pregnant woman be informed orally and in writing before a chemical abortion that the chemical abortion may be possibly arrested or reversed. Makes a technical correction.

Effective: July 1, 2017.

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First Regular Session of the 120th General Assembly (2017)

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2016 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-34-2-1.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.213-2016,
2 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 1.1. (a) An abortion shall not be performed except
4 with the voluntary and informed consent of the pregnant woman upon
5 whom the abortion is to be performed. Except in the case of a medical
6 emergency, consent to an abortion is voluntary and informed only if the
7 following conditions are met:

8 (1) At least eighteen (18) hours before the abortion and in the
9 private, not group, presence of the pregnant woman, the physician
10 who is to perform the abortion, the referring physician or a
11 physician assistant (as defined in IC 25-27.5-2-10), an advanced
12 practice nurse (as defined in IC 25-23-1-1(b)), or a certified nurse
13 midwife (as defined in IC 34-18-2-6.5) to whom the responsibility
14 has been delegated by the physician who is to perform the
15 abortion or the referring physician has informed the pregnant
16 woman orally and in writing of the following:

17 (A) The name of the physician performing the abortion, the



physician's medical license number, and an emergency telephone number where the physician or the physician's designee may be contacted on a twenty-four (24) hour a day, seven (7) day a week basis.

(B) That follow-up care by the physician or the physician's designee (if the designee is licensed under IC 25-22.5) is available on an appropriate and timely basis when clinically necessary.

(C) The nature of the proposed procedure or information concerning the abortion inducing drug.

(D) Objective scientific information of the risks of and alternatives to the procedure or the use of an abortion inducing drug, including:

- (i) the risk of infection and hemorrhage;
- (ii) the potential danger to a subsequent pregnancy; and
- (iii) the potential danger of infertility.

(E) That human physical life begins when a human ovum is fertilized by a human sperm.

(F) The probable gestational age of the fetus at the time the abortion is to be performed, including:

- (i) a picture of a fetus;
- (ii) the dimensions of a fetus; and
- (iii) relevant information on the potential survival of an unborn fetus;

at this stage of development.

(G) That objective scientific information shows that a fetus can feel pain at or before twenty (20) weeks of postfertilization age.

(H) The medical risks associated with carrying the fetus to term.

(I) The availability of fetal ultrasound imaging and auscultation of fetal heart tone services to enable the pregnant woman to view the image and hear the heartbeat of the fetus and how to obtain access to these services.

(J) That the pregnancy of a child less than fifteen (15) years of age may constitute child abuse under Indiana law if the act included an adult and must be reported to the department of child services or the local law enforcement agency under IC 31-33-5.

(K) That Indiana does not allow a fetus to be aborted solely because of the fetus's race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, or diagnosis or potential diagnosis of the fetus having Down



- 1 syndrome or any other disability.
- 2 (2) At least eighteen (18) hours before the abortion, the pregnant
- 3 woman will be informed orally and in writing of the following:
- 4 (A) That medical assistance benefits may be available for
- 5 prenatal care, childbirth, and neonatal care from the county
- 6 office of the division of family resources.
- 7 (B) That the father of the unborn fetus is legally required to
- 8 assist in the support of the child. In the case of rape, the
- 9 information required under this clause may be omitted.
- 10 (C) That adoption alternatives are available and that adoptive
- 11 parents may legally pay the costs of prenatal care, childbirth,
- 12 and neonatal care.
- 13 (D) That there are physical risks to the pregnant woman in
- 14 having an abortion, both during the abortion procedure and
- 15 after.
- 16 (E) That Indiana has enacted the safe haven law under
- 17 IC 31-34-2.5.
- 18 (F) The:
- 19 (i) Internet web site address of the state department of
- 20 health's web site; and
- 21 (ii) description of the information that will be provided on
- 22 the web site and that are;
- 23 described in section 1.5 of this chapter.
- 24 (G) For the facility in which the abortion is to be performed,
- 25 an emergency telephone number that is available and
- 26 answered on a twenty-four (24) hour a day, seven (7) day a
- 27 week basis.
- 28 (H) On a form developed by the state department and as
- 29 described in IC 16-34-3, that the pregnant woman has a right
- 30 to determine the final disposition of the remains of the aborted
- 31 fetus.
- 32 (I) On a form developed by the state department, information
- 33 concerning the available options for disposition of the aborted
- 34 fetus.
- 35 (J) On a form developed by the state department, information
- 36 concerning any counseling that is available to a pregnant
- 37 woman after having an abortion.
- 38 **(K) That after taking an abortifacient pill, a chemical**
- 39 **abortion may be possibly arrested or reversed. This clause**
- 40 **applies only to a pregnant woman who is considering a**
- 41 **chemical abortion.**
- 42 The state department shall develop and distribute the forms



required by clauses (H) through (J).

(3) The pregnant woman certifies in writing, on a form developed by the state department, before the abortion is performed, that:

(A) the information required by subdivisions (1) and (2) has been provided to the pregnant woman;

(B) the pregnant woman has been offered by the provider the opportunity to view the fetal ultrasound imaging and hear the auscultation of the fetal heart tone if the fetal heart tone is audible and that the woman has:

(i) viewed or refused to view the offered fetal ultrasound imaging; and

(ii) listened to or refused to listen to the offered auscultation of the fetal heart tone if the fetal heart tone is audible; and

(C) the pregnant woman has been given a written copy of the printed materials described in section 1.5 of this chapter.

(4) At least eighteen (18) hours before the abortion and in the presence of the pregnant woman, the physician who is to perform the abortion, the referring physician or a physician assistant (as defined in IC 25-27.5-2-10), an advanced practice nurse (as defined in IC 25-23-1-1(b)), or a **certified nurse** midwife (as defined in ~~IC 34-18-2-19~~ **IC 34-18-2-6.5**) to whom the responsibility has been delegated by the physician who is to perform the abortion or the referring physician has provided the pregnant woman with a color copy of the informed consent brochure described in section 1.5 of this chapter by printing the informed consent brochure from the state department's Internet web site and including the following information on the back cover of the brochure:

(A) The name of the physician performing the abortion and the physician's medical license number.

(B) An emergency telephone number where the physician or the physician's designee may be contacted twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

(C) A statement that follow-up care by the physician or the physician's designee who is licensed under IC 25-22.5 is available on an appropriate and timely basis when clinically necessary.

(5) At least eighteen (18) hours before an abortion is performed and at the same time that the pregnant woman receives the information required by subdivision (1), the provider shall perform, and the pregnant woman shall view, the fetal ultrasound imaging and hear the auscultation of the fetal heart tone if the



1 fetal heart tone is audible unless the pregnant woman certifies in
2 writing, on a form developed by the state department, before the
3 abortion is performed, that the pregnant woman:

4 (A) does not want to view the fetal ultrasound imaging; and

5 (B) does not want to listen to the auscultation of the fetal heart
6 tone if the fetal heart tone is audible.

7 (b) This subsection applies to a pregnant woman whose unborn
8 child has been diagnosed with a lethal fetal anomaly. The requirements
9 of this subsection are in addition to the other requirements of this
10 section. At least eighteen (18) hours before an abortion is performed on
11 the pregnant woman, the physician who will perform the abortion shall:

12 (1) orally and in person, inform the pregnant woman of the
13 availability of perinatal hospice services; and

14 (2) provide the pregnant woman copies of the perinatal hospice
15 brochure developed by the state department under IC 16-25-4.5-4
16 and the list of perinatal hospice providers and programs
17 developed under IC 16-25-4.5-5, by printing the perinatal hospice
18 brochure and list of perinatal hospice providers from the state
19 department's Internet web site.

20 (c) If a pregnant woman described in subsection (b) chooses to have
21 an abortion rather than continuing the pregnancy in perinatal hospice
22 care, the pregnant woman shall certify in writing, on a form developed
23 by the state department under IC 16-25-4.5-6, at least eighteen (18)
24 hours before the abortion is performed, that the pregnant woman has
25 been provided the information described in subsection (b) in the
26 manner required by subsection (b).

