



2021 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1130

Introduced by: **Representative Haugaard**

1 **An Act to establish requirements for the presentation of a written statement**
 2 **regarding the discontinuance of a drug-induced abortion.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1.** That § 34-23A-10.1 be AMENDED.

5 **34-23A-10.1. Voluntary and informed consent required--Medical emergency**
 6 **exception--Information provided.**

7 No abortion may be performed unless the physician first obtains a voluntary and
 8 informed written consent of the pregnant woman upon whom the physician intends to
 9 perform the abortion, unless the physician determines that obtaining an informed consent
 10 is impossible due to a medical emergency and further determines that delaying in
 11 performing the procedure until an informed consent can be obtained from the pregnant
 12 woman or her next of kin in accordance with chapter 34-12C is impossible due to the
 13 medical emergency, which determinations shall then be documented in the medical
 14 records of the patient.

15 A consent to an abortion is not voluntary and informed, unless, in addition to any
 16 other information that must be disclosed under the common law doctrine, the physician
 17 provides that pregnant woman with the following information:

- 18 (1) A statement in writing providing the following information:
- 19 (a) The name of the physician who will perform the abortion;
 - 20 (b) That the abortion will terminate the life of a whole, separate, unique, living
 21 human being;
 - 22 (c) That the pregnant woman has an existing relationship with that unborn
 23 human being and that the relationship enjoys protection under the United
 24 States Constitution and under the laws of South Dakota;
 - 25 (d) That by having an abortion, her existing relationship and her existing
 26 constitutional rights with regards to that relationship will be terminated;

- 1 (e) A description of all known medical risks of the procedure and statistically
2 significant risk factors to which the pregnant woman would be subjected,
3 including:
- 4 (i) Depression and related psychological distress;
 - 5 (ii) Increased risk of suicide ideation and suicide;
 - 6 (iii) A statement setting forth an accurate rate of deaths due to abortions,
7 including all deaths in which the abortion procedure was a substantial
8 contributing factor; and
 - 9 (iv) All other known medical risks to the physical health of the woman,
10 including the risk of infection, hemorrhage, danger to subsequent
11 pregnancies, and infertility;
- 12 (f) The probable gestational age of the unborn child at the time the abortion is
13 to be performed, and a scientifically accurate statement describing the
14 development of the unborn child at that age;
- 15 (g) The statistically significant medical risks associated with carrying her child to
16 term compared to undergoing an induced abortion;
- 17 (h) That even after a pregnant mother takes Mifepristone it is still possible to
18 discontinue a drug-induced abortion by not taking the prescribed
19 Misoprostol; ~~and~~
- 20 (i) That information on discontinuing a drug-induced abortion is available on
21 the Department of Health website;
- 22 (j) A written statement that sex-selective abortions are illegal in the State of
23 South Dakota and that a pregnant mother cannot have an abortion, either
24 solely or partly, due to the unborn child's sex, regardless of whether that
25 unborn child is a girl or a boy or whether it is of the pregnant mother's free
26 will or the result of the use of pressure and coercion; and
- 27 (k) A written notification, prepared and provided to each abortion facility by the
28 Department of Health, that contains the name, text, and telephone number
29 of an organization fighting to end sex trafficking and states the following:
30 "If someone is sexually abusing you or causing you to exchange sex for
31 something of value, and you want help, call 911, text, or call the number
32 provided on this notice."

33 The disclosures set forth above shall be provided to the pregnant woman in
34 writing and in person in full compliance with § 34-23A-56. The physician shall ensure that
35 the pregnant woman signs each page of the written disclosure with the certification that

1 she has read and understands all of the disclosures, prior to the patient signing a consent
2 for the procedure. If the pregnant woman asks for a clarification or explanation of any
3 particular disclosure, or asks any other question about a matter of significance to her, the
4 explanation or answer shall be made in writing and be given to the pregnant woman before
5 signing a consent for the procedure and shall be made part of the permanent medical
6 record of the patient.

7 Prior to the pregnant woman signing a consent to the abortion, she shall sign a
8 written statement that indicates that the requirements of this section have been complied
9 with. Prior to the performance of the abortion, the physician who is to perform the abortion
10 shall receive a copy of the written disclosure documents required by this section, and shall
11 certify in writing that all of the information described in those subdivisions has been
12 provided to the pregnant woman, that the physician is, to the best of his or her ability,
13 satisfied that the pregnant woman has read the materials which are required to be
14 disclosed, and that the physician believes she understands the information imparted.

15 (2) A statement by telephone or in person, by the physician who is to perform the
16 abortion, or by the referring physician, or by an agent of both, at least twenty-four
17 hours before the abortion, providing the following information:

- 18 (a) That medical assistance benefits may be available for prenatal care,
19 childbirth, and neonatal care;
- 20 (b) That the father of the unborn child is legally responsible to provide financial
21 support for her child following birth, and that this legal obligation of the father
22 exists in all instances, even in instances in which the father has offered to
23 pay for the abortion;
- 24 (c) The name, address, and telephone number of a pregnancy help center in
25 reasonable proximity of the abortion facility where the abortion will be
26 performed; and
- 27 (d) That she has a right to review all of the material and information described
28 in § 34-23A-1, §§ 34-23A-1.2 to 34-23A-1.7, inclusive, § 34-23A-10.1, and
29 § 34-23A-10.3, as well as the printed materials described in § 34-23A-10.3,
30 and the website described in § 34-23A-10.4. The physician or the physician's
31 agent shall inform the pregnant woman, orally or in writing, that the materials
32 have been provided by the State of South Dakota at no charge to the
33 pregnant woman. If the pregnant woman indicates, at any time, that she
34 wants to review any of the materials described, such disclosures shall be
35 either given to her at least twenty-four hours before the abortion or mailed

1 to her at least seventy-two hours before the abortion by certified mail,
2 restricted delivery to addressee, which means the postal employee can only
3 deliver the mail to the addressee;

4 ~~(3) A written statement that sex selective abortions are illegal in the State of South
5 Dakota and that a pregnant mother cannot have an abortion, either solely or partly,
6 due to the unborn child's sex, regardless of whether that unborn child is a girl or a
7 boy or whether it is of the pregnant mother's free will or the result of the use of
8 pressure and coercion; and~~

9 ~~(4) A written notification, prepared and provided to each abortion facility by the
10 Department of Health, that contains the name, text, and telephone number of an
11 organization fighting to end sex trafficking and states the following: "If someone is
12 sexually abusing you or causing you to exchange sex for something of value, and
13 you want help, call 911, text, or call the number provided on this notice."~~

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21 disclosed, and that the physician believes she understands the information imparted.~~

22 (3) In the case of a pregnant woman who has been administered Mifepristone, the
23 statement required by subsection (h) of subdivision (1) must also be duplicated
24 and presented to the woman at the time of her release or discharge, immediately
25 after the provision or administration of Mifepristone, and shall include the
26 statement: "If you decide you want to give birth to your child and you have not
27 taken the second drug, known as Misoprostol, seek the assistance of a physician
28 immediately. You can receive information and a medical referral twenty-four hours
29 per day, seven days a week by calling 877-558-0333 or by accessing
30 www.abortionpillreversal.com."