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House Bill 746

By: Representatives Kendrick of the 93rd, Scott of the 76th, Cannon of the 58th, Thomas of the 56th, Shannon of the 84th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend Chapter 9A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
- 2 "Woman's Right to Know Act," so as to authorize any female upon whom an abortion is to
- 3 be performed to decide not to receive or review informational materials regarding an unborn
- 4 child, certify that she received or reviewed such informational materials, view the fetal
- 5 image, or hear the fetal heartbeat prior to obtaining an abortion; to provide for documentation
- 6 of such decision; to provide for limited liability; to provide for related matters; to provide for
- 7 a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 SECTION 1.

10 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Women's Right to Immediate Access Act."

11 SECTION 2.

- 12 Chapter 9A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Woman's
- 13 Right to Know Act," is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:
- 14 "<u>31-9A-3.1.</u>
- 15 (a) Any female upon whom an abortion is to be performed may decide not to receive or
- review the informational materials regarding an unborn child, certify that she received or
- 17 <u>reviewed such informational materials, view the fetal image, or hear the fetal heartbeat as</u>
- provided in Code Section 31-9A-3, prior to obtaining an abortion.
- 19 (b) The physician who is to perform the abortion or the physician's qualified agent shall
- 20 <u>document the female's decision in writing, and such documentation shall be kept on file</u>
- with the female's medical record for at least three years.
- 22 (c) In the event a female has decided pursuant to this Code section not to receive or review
- 23 <u>the informational materials regarding an unborn child, certify that she received or reviewed</u>
- 24 <u>such informational materials, view the fetal image, or hear the fetal heartbeat as provided</u>
- 25 <u>in Code Section 31-9A-3 prior to obtaining an abortion, the physician who is to perform</u>

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26 the abortion or the physician's qualified agent shall not be subject to any criminal, civil, or

27 <u>licensing sanctions for failure to comply with Code Section 31-9A-3."</u>

28 SECTION 3.

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.