

Senate Bill 239

By: Senators Thompson of the 14th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Mullis of the 53rd, Black of the 8th, Albers of the 56th 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 include chemical abortion under voluntary and
3 informed consent requirements; to provide for information concerning procedures and
4 treatment to reverse the effects of a chemical abortion; to provide for chemical abortion
5 reversal information availability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
6 and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 9A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Woman's
10 Right to Know Act, is amended in Code Section 31-9A-3, relating to voluntary and informed
11 consent to abortion and availability of ultrasound, by adding a new paragraph to read as
12 follows:

13 "(5) For all cases in which a chemical abortion is to be performed the female is informed,
14 by telephone or in person, by the physician who is to perform the abortion, by a qualified
15 agent of the physician who is to perform the abortion, by a qualified agent of a referring
16 physician, or by a referring physician, at least 24 hours before the abortion that:

17 (A) It may be possible to reverse the effects of a chemical abortion if the woman
18 changes her mind but that time is of the essence; and

19 (B) Information on reversing the effects of a chemical abortion is available on the
20 website and in the materials described in Code Section 31-9A-4; and

21 ~~(5)~~(6) Prior to the performance of the abortion, the physician who is to perform the
22 abortion or the physician's qualified agent receives a copy of the written certifications
23 prescribed by paragraphs (3) and (4) of this Code section and retains them on file with
24 the female's medical record for at least three years following the date of receipt."

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 31-9A-4, relating to information to be made
27 available by the Department of Public Health, format requirements, availability, and
28 requirements for website, by adding a new paragraph to subsection (a) to read as follows:

29 "(1.2) Geographically indexed materials designed to inform the female of public and
30 private facilities willing to perform procedures and treatment to reverse the effects of a
31 chemical abortion should the female change her mind, which shall include a
32 comprehensive list of the facilities available, a description of the services they offer, and
33 a description of the manner, including telephone numbers and website addresses, in
34 which they might be contacted or, at the option of such department, printed materials
35 including a toll-free, 24 hour telephone number which may be called to obtain, orally or
36 by a tape recorded message tailored to the ZIP Code entered by the caller, such a list and
37 description of facilities closest to the locality of the caller and of the services they offer:"

38 **SECTION 3.**

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