

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to provide an opportunity to view a sonogram and hear the child's heartbeat prior to an abortion.

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

Section 1. That § 34-23A-52 be amended to read:

34-23A-52. No physician may take a consent for an abortion from a pregnant mother without first offering the pregnant mother an opportunity to view a sonogram and hear the heartbeat of her unborn child. The physician shall offer to describe the images on the sonogram if the pregnant mother consents. The pregnant mother's response to the offer under this section shall be documented by the physician in the patient's medical records, including the date and time of the offer and the pregnant mother's signature to her response to the offer.

Section 2. That chapter 34-23A be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

The provisions of § 34-23A-52 do not apply to an abortion provider or facility in the case of a medical emergency. Upon a determination by a physician under this section that a medical emergency exists, the physician shall certify the specific medical conditions that constitute the emergency.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the

HOUSE as Bill No. 1177

Chief Clerk

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Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

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The attached Act is hereby approved this _____ day of _____ , A.D., 20____

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
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Secretary of State

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