

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0251

Abortion-ultrasound information.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public health and safety; requiring
2 physicians to provide patients with specified information
3 before certain abortion procedures; providing a definition
4 and amending a definition; and providing for an effective
5 date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-6-119 is created to read:

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11 **35-6-119. Information provided to patient.**

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13 (a) At least twenty-four (24) hours prior to an
14 abortion being performed, the physician or a qualified
15 person assisting the physician shall:

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1 (i) Inform the pregnant woman of the medical and
2 psychological risks of abortion;

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4 (ii) Inform the woman of the medical and
5 psychological risks of alternatives to abortion, including
6 the risks of pregnancy and childbirth;

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8 (iii) Inform the woman that she has a right to
9 view an ultrasound;

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11 (iv) Direct the woman to available counseling
12 and other resources; and

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14 (v) Discuss birth control options to prevent
15 unintended pregnancy including availability, risks and
16 efficacy.

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18 (b) This section shall not apply to an abortion
19 performed:

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21 (i) To save the life or preserve the health of
22 the mother;

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1 (ii) To save the life or preserve the health of
2 an unborn child;

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4 (iii) To remove a nonviable fetus;

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6 (iv) To remove an ectopic pregnancy;

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8 (v) When the pregnancy is the result of:

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10 (A) Incest as defined by W.S. 6-4-402; or

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12 (B) Sexual assault as defined by W.S.
13 6-2-301 if the assault is reported to a law enforcement
14 agency within five (5) days after the assault or within five
15 (5) days after the time the victim is capable of reporting
16 the assault.

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18 (c) If disclosures are required pursuant to
19 subsection (a) of this section, the physician shall obtain
20 a signed statement from the pregnant woman acknowledging
21 that she was provided the information specified in
22 subsection (a) of this section. The signed statement shall
23 be placed in the pregnant woman's medical file and shall be
24 treated as a confidential medical document under all
25 applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

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2 (d) For purposes of this section "qualified person"
3 means an agent or employee of the physician and who is a
4 licensed psychologist, clinical social worker, professional
5 counselor, registered nurse or physician.

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7 **Section 2.** W.S. 35-6-101(a)(xii) is amended to read:

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9 **35-6-101. Definitions.**

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11 (a) As used in the act, unless the context otherwise
12 requires:

13 (xii) "This act" means W.S. 35-6-101 through
14 ~~35-6-118~~ 35-6-119.

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16 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2011.

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