

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 341

By: Senator Irvin
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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE WOMAN'S RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT; TO
PROVIDE INFORMATION ON REVERSING THE EFFECTS OF
ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE WOMAN'S RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT;
AND TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON REVERSING
THE EFFECTS OF ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-16-1703(b), concerning informed consent requirements under the Woman's Right-to-Know Act, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(9)(A) After dispensing the first dose of abortion-inducing drugs to a woman, the physician who is to perform the abortion, the referring physician, or a qualified person shall provide a written notice to the patient that states:

"Notice to Patients Having Medication Abortions That Use Mifepristone: Mifepristone, also known as RU-486 or Mifeprex, alone is not always effective in ending a pregnancy. It may be possible to reverse its intended effect if the second pill or tablet has not been taken or administered. If you change your mind and wish to try to continue the pregnancy, you can locate immediate help by searching the term "abortion pill reversal" on the internet."

(B) The notice shall also include directions to access the department website that is required to be maintained under § 20-16-1704 and



other appropriate telephone and internet resources.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-16-1704(b)(6), concerning publication of materials under the Woman's Right-to-Know Act, is amended to read as follows:

(6)(A) Materials that include information on the potential ability of a qualified person to reverse the effects of abortion-inducing drugs, such as mifepristone, Mifeprex, and misoprostol, including without limitation information directing a woman to obtain further information at appropriate websites and by contacting appropriate agencies for assistance in locating a healthcare professional to aid in the reversal of an abortion.

(B) The materials shall include a notice to the patient that states:

"Notice to Patients Having Medication Abortions That Use Mifepristone: Mifepristone, also known as RU-486 or Mifeprex, alone is not always effective in ending a pregnancy. It may be possible to reverse its intended effect if the second pill or tablet has not been taken or administered. If you change your mind and wish to try to continue the pregnancy, you can locate immediate help by searching the term "abortion pill reversal" on the internet."

(C) The notice shall also include directions to access the department website and other appropriate telephone and internet resources;
and

SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this act or the application of this act to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this act are declared severable.