

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1757

By: Representatives Penzo, Pilkington

By: Senator B. Ballinger

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INFORMED CONSENT WHEN
PRESCRIBING OR ADMINISTERING ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INFORMED CONSENT WHEN
PRESCRIBING OR ADMINISTERING ORAL
CONTRACEPTIVES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 9, Subchapter 6, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-9-605. Informed consent for oral contraceptives.

(a) When initiating therapy and administering or dispensing, or both, oral contraceptives, a physician or another healthcare professional who has scope of practice to prescribe oral contraceptives shall explain verbally to the patient the possible effects of an oral contraceptive, including without limitation the death of an unborn child and possible health complications or adverse reactions as printed by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

(b) The patient and the physician or other healthcare professional who has scope of practice to prescribe oral contraceptives shall sign an informed consent form that documents the explanation described in subsection (a) of this section and place the form in the patient's medical record.

