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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

Representative Harris offered the following:

Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Between lines 234 and 235, insert:

5 (3) CONSENTS REQUIRED.—A termination of pregnancy may not 6 be performed or induced except with the voluntary and informed 7 written consent of the pregnant woman or, in the case of a 8 mental incompetent, the voluntary and informed written consent 9 of her court-appointed guardian.

(a) Except in the case of a medical emergency, consent toa termination of pregnancy is voluntary and informed only if:

The physician who is to perform the procedure, or the
referring physician, has, at a minimum, orally, while physically
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14 present in the same room, and at least 24 hours before the 15 procedure, informed the woman of:

16 a. The nature and risks of undergoing or not undergoing 17 the proposed procedure that a reasonable patient would consider 18 material to making a knowing and willful decision of whether to 19 terminate a pregnancy.

20 b. The probable gestational age of the fetus, verified by 21 an ultrasound, at the time the termination of pregnancy is to be 22 performed.

(I) The ultrasound must be performed by the physician who is to perform the abortion or by a person having documented evidence that he or she has completed a course in the operation of ultrasound equipment as prescribed by rule and who is working in conjunction with the physician.

The person performing the ultrasound must offer the 28 (II)29 woman the opportunity to view the live ultrasound images and 30 hear an explanation of them. If the woman accepts the 31 opportunity to view the images and hear the explanation, a 32 physician or a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, 33 advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant 34 working in conjunction with the physician must contemporaneously review and explain the images to the woman before the woman 35 36 gives informed consent to having an abortion procedure 37 performed.

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38 The woman has a right to decline to view and hear (III) 39 the explanation of the live ultrasound images after she is 40 informed of her right and offered an opportunity to view the images and hear the explanation. If the woman declines, the 41 42 woman shall complete a form acknowledging that she was offered 43 an opportunity to view and hear the explanation of the images 44 but that she declined that opportunity. The form must also indicate that the woman's decision was not based on any undue 45 46 influence from any person to discourage her from viewing the images or hearing the explanation and that she declined of her 47 own free will. 48

49 (IV) Unless requested by the woman, the person performing 50 the ultrasound may not offer the opportunity to view the images 51 and hear the explanation and the explanation may not be given 52 if, at the time the woman schedules or arrives for her 53 appointment to obtain an abortion, a copy of a restraining 54 order, police report, medical record, or other court order or 55 documentation is presented which provides evidence that the 56 woman is obtaining the abortion because the woman is a victim of 57 rape, incest, domestic violence, or human trafficking or that 58 the woman has been diagnosed as having a condition that, on the basis of a physician's good faith clinical judgment, would 59 60 create a serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function if the woman delayed terminating her 61 pregnancy. 62

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63 The medical risks to the woman and fetus of carrying С. 64 the pregnancy to term. 65 The physician may provide the information required in this 66 67 subparagraph within 24 hours before the procedure if requested 68 by the woman at the time she schedules or arrives for her 69 appointment to obtain an abortion and if she presents to the 70 physician a copy of a restraining order, police report, medical 71 record, or other court order or documentation evidencing that 72 she is obtaining the abortion because she is a victim of rape, 73 incest, domestic violence, or human trafficking. 74 2. Printed materials prepared and provided by the 75 department have been provided to the pregnant woman, if she 76 chooses to view these materials, including: 77 a. A description of the fetus, including a description of 78 the various stages of development. 79 A list of entities that offer alternatives to b. 80 terminating the pregnancy. Detailed information on the availability of medical 81 с. 82 assistance benefits for prenatal care, childbirth, and neonatal 83 care. 84 3. The woman acknowledges in writing, before the 85 termination of pregnancy, that the information required to be 86 provided under this subsection has been provided. 87 752931 Approved For Filing: 4/11/2023 1:26:35 PM

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Nothing in this paragraph is intended to prohibit a physician 88 89 from providing any additional information which the physician 90 deems material to the woman's informed decision to terminate her 91 pregnancy. 92 93 _____ 94

DIRECTORY AMENDMENT

95 Remove line 186 and insert:

Section 4. Subsections (1) and (2), paragraph (a) of subsection (3), and subsections (10) and (13) of section

TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove line 37 and insert:

102 any other courier or shipping service; removing a provision 103 requiring information to be provided to a woman in person; 104 conforming

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