

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

Act 1189 of 2003
SENATE BILL 729

5 By: Senators Glover, Critcher, Broadway, Baker, Miller, Altes, G. Jeffress, Trusty, Holt, Wooldridge,
6 Womack, Wilkinson, Horn, Hendren
7 By: Representatives Bledsoe, Schulte, Lamoureux, Green, Penix, Parks, Adams, Walters, Agee, Bright,
8 Fite, Seawel, Kenney, Harris, Key, Oglesby, Hardwick, Dickinson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PHYSICIANS WHO USE ULTRASOUND
12 EQUIPMENT IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ABORTIONS TO
13 INFORM THE WOMAN THAT SHE HAS A RIGHT TO VIEW THE
14 ULTRASOUND IMAGE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 ULTRASOUND EQUIPMENT IN THE PERFORMANCE
19 OF ABORTIONS TO INFORM THE WOMAN THAT
20 SHE HAS A RIGHT TO VIEW THE ULTRASOUND
21 IMAGE.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. (a) All physicians who use ultrasound equipment in the
28 performance of an abortion shall inform the woman that she has the right to
29 view the ultrasound image of her unborn child before an abortion is
30 performed.

31 (b)(1) The physician shall certify in writing that the woman was
32 offered an opportunity to view the ultrasound image, and shall obtain the
33 woman's acceptance or rejection to view the image in writing.

34 (2) If the woman accepts the offer and requests to view the
35 untrasound image, she shall be allowed to view it.

36 (c) The physician's certification together with the woman's signed



1 acceptance or rejection shall be placed in the woman's medical file in the
2 physician's office and kept for three (3) years.

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4 SECTION 2. Any physician who fails to inform the woman that she has
5 the right to view the ultrasound image of her unborn child before an abortion
6 is performed, or fails to allow her to view the ultrasound image upon her
7 request, may be subject to disciplinary action by the Arkansas State Medical
8 Board.

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10 /s/ Glover

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