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A Bill

SENATE BILL 341

4
5 By: Senator Irvin
6 By: Representative Cloud

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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

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

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

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

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

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



1 other appropriate telephone and internet resources.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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31 **APPROVED: 3/20/19**