1 State of Arkansas

A Bill

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5 By: Senator Glover

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8 For An Act To Be Entitled

9   AN ACT TO REQUIRE PHYSICIANS WHO USE ULTRASOUND

10   EQUIPMENT IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ABORTIONS TO

11   INFORM THE WOMAN THAT SHE HAS A RIGHT TO VIEW THE

12   ULTRASOUND IMAGE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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14 Subtitle

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

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24   SECTION 1. (a) All physicians who use ultrasound equipment in the

25 performance of an abortion shall inform the woman that she has the right to

26 view the ultrasound image of her unborn child before an abortion is

27 performed.

28   (b)(1) The physician shall certify in writing that the woman was

29 offered an opportunity to view the ultrasound image, and shall obtain the

30 woman's acceptance or rejection to view the image in writing.

31   (2) If the woman accepts the offer and requests to view the

32 untrasound image, she shall be allowed to view it.

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

34 acceptance or rejection shall be placed in the woman's medical file in the

35 physician's office and kept for three (3) years.

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1   SECTION 2.   Any physician who fails to inform the woman that she has

2 the right to view the ultrasound image of her unborn child before an abortion

3 is performed, or fails to allow her to view the ultrasound image upon her

4 request, shall be subject to license suspension or revocation.

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