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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1757

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5 By: Representatives Penzo, Pilkington  
6 By: Senator B. Ballinger

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

## Subtitle

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

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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 Title 20, Chapter 9, Subchapter 6, is amended  
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 20-9-605. Informed consent for oral contraceptives.

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

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

