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HOUSE BILL DRH10386-NJ-19

Short Title: The Second Chances Act.

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Sponsors: Representative Chesser.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATED TO THE REVERSAL OF CHEMICAL
3 ABORTIONS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 90-21.82 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 90-21.82. **Informed consent to abortion.**

7 No abortion shall be performed upon a woman in this State without her voluntary and
8 informed consent. Except in the case of a medical emergency, consent to an abortion is voluntary
9 and informed only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

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11 (2) The physician or qualified professional has informed the woman, either by
12 telephone or in person, of each of the following at least 72 hours before the
13 abortion:

- 14 a. That medical assistance benefits may be available for prenatal care,
15 childbirth, and neonatal care.
- 16 b. That public assistance programs under Chapter 108A of the General
17 Statutes may or may not be available as benefits under federal and
18 State assistance programs.
- 19 c. That the father is liable to assist in the support of the child, even if the
20 father has offered to pay for the abortion.
- 21 d. That the woman has other alternatives to abortion, including keeping
22 the baby or placing the baby for adoption.
- 23 e. That the woman has the right to review the printed materials described
24 in G.S. 90-21.83, that these materials are available on a
25 State-sponsored Web site, and the address of the State-sponsored Web
26 site. The physician or a qualified professional shall orally inform the
27 woman that the materials have been provided by the Department and
28 that they describe the unborn child and list agencies that offer
29 alternatives to abortion. If the woman chooses to view the materials
30 other than on the Web site, the materials shall either be given to her at
31 least 72 hours before the abortion or be mailed to her at least 72 hours
32 before the abortion by certified mail, restricted delivery to addressee.
- 33 f. That the woman is free to withhold or withdraw her consent to the
34 abortion at any time before or during the abortion without affecting
35 her right to future care or treatment and without the loss of any State
36 or federally funded benefits to which she might otherwise be entitled.



1 g. That it may be possible to reverse the effects of a chemical abortion if
2 the pregnant woman changes her mind, but time is of the essence. If a
3 woman has taken mifepristone as part of a two-drug regimen to
4 terminate her pregnancy, also known as "RU-486" or "Mifeprex," it
5 may be possible to reverse its intended effect if the second pill or tablet
6 has not been taken or administered. If the woman wishes to continue
7 the pregnancy, she should immediately consult a physician for more
8 information. Information regarding the reversal of a chemical abortion
9 is also available by calling the Abortion Pill Reversal Hotline at
10 877-558-0333, or visiting <https://www.abortionpillreversal.com/>.
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12 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2023.