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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to enacting the woman's right to know act; to repeal title 3 of article 25 of such law relating to the control of midwifery; and providing for the repeal of certain provisions upon expiration thereof

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Title III of article 25 of the public health law is REPEALED and a new title III is added to read as follows:

TITLE III

WOMAN'S RIGHT TO KNOW ACT

SECTION 2560. SHORT TITLE.

2560-A. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

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S 2560. SHORT TITLE. THIS TITLE SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE "WOMAN'S RIGHT TO KNOW ACT".

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

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1 S 2560-A. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSES. 1. THE LEGISLATURE FINDS
2 THAT:

3 (A) IT IS ESSENTIAL TO THE PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING OF A
4 WOMAN CONSIDERING AN ABORTION THAT SHE RECEIVE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE
5 INFORMATION ON HER ALTERNATIVES.

6 (B) THE KNOWLEDGEABLE EXERCISE OF A WOMAN'S DECISION TO HAVE AN
7 ABORTION DEPENDS ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE WOMAN RECEIVES SUFFICIENT
8 INFORMATION TO MAKE AN INFORMED CHOICE BETWEEN TWO ALTERNATIVES: GIVING
9 BIRTH OR HAVING AN ABORTION.

10 (C) OVER EIGHTY PERCENT OF ALL ABORTIONS ARE PERFORMED IN CLINICS
11 DEVOTED SOLELY TO PROVIDING ABORTIONS AND FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES. MOST
12 WOMEN WHO SEEK ABORTIONS AT THESE FACILITIES DO NOT HAVE ANY RELATION-
13 SHIP WITH THE PHYSICIAN WHO PERFORMS THE ABORTION, BEFORE OR AFTER THE
14 PROCEDURE. THEY DO NOT RETURN TO THE FACILITY FOR POST-SURGICAL CARE. IN
15 MOST INSTANCES, THE WOMAN'S ONLY ACTUAL CONTACT WITH THE PHYSICIAN
16 OCCURS SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE ABORTION PROCEDURE, WITH LITTLE OPPORTU-
17 NITY TO RECEIVE COUNSELING CONCERNING HER DECISION.

18 (D) THE DECISION TO ABORT IS AN IMPORTANT AND OFTEN A STRESSFUL ONE,
19 AND IT IS DESIRABLE AND IMPERATIVE THAT IT BE MADE WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE
20 OF ITS NATURE AND CONSEQUENCES.

21 (E) THE MEDICAL, EMOTIONAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSEQUENCES OF AN
22 ABORTION ARE SERIOUS AND CAN BE LASTING.

23 (F) ABORTION FACILITIES OR PROVIDERS OFFER ONLY LIMITED AND/OR IMPER-
24 SONAL COUNSELING OPPORTUNITIES.

25 (G) MANY ABORTION FACILITIES OR PROVIDERS HIRE UNTRAINED AND UNPROFES-
26 SIONAL "COUNSELORS" WHOSE PRIMARY GOAL IS TO SELL ABORTION SERVICES.

27 2. BASED ON THE FINDINGS IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, IT IS THE
28 PURPOSE OF THIS TITLE TO:

29 (A) ENSURE THAT EVERY WOMAN CONSIDERING AN ABORTION RECEIVE COMPLETE
30 INFORMATION ON HER ALTERNATIVES AND THAT EVERY WOMAN SUBMITTING TO AN
31 ABORTION DO SO ONLY AFTER GIVING HER VOLUNTARY AND INFORMED CONSENT TO
32 THE ABORTION PROCEDURE.

33 (B) PROTECT UNBORN CHILDREN FROM A WOMAN'S UNINFORMED DECISION TO HAVE
34 AN ABORTION.

35 (C) REDUCE THE RISK THAT A WOMAN MAY ELECT AN ABORTION, ONLY TO
36 DISCOVER LATER, WITH DEVASTATING PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSEQUENCES, THAT HER
37 DECISION WAS NOT FULLY INFORMED.

38 S 2560-B. DEFINITIONS. AS USED IN THIS TITLE:

39 1. "ABORTION" MEANS THE USE OR PRESCRIPTION OF ANY INSTRUMENT, MEDI-
40 CINE, DRUG OR ANY OTHER SUBSTANCE OR DEVICE WITH THE INTENT TO TERMINATE
41 THE PREGNANCY OF A WOMAN KNOWN BY THE PERSON SO USING OR PRESCRIBING TO
42 BE PREGNANT. SUCH USE OR PRESCRIPTION IS NOT AN ABORTION IF DONE WITH
43 THE INTENT TO (A) SAVE THE LIFE OR PRESERVE THE HEALTH OF AN UNBORN
44 CHILD, (B) REMOVE A DEAD UNBORN CHILD, OR (C) DELIVER AN UNBORN CHILD
45 PREMATURELY IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE HEALTH OF BOTH THE PREGNANT WOMAN
46 AND HER UNBORN CHILD.

47 2. "CONCEPTION" MEANS THE FUSION OF A HUMAN SPERMATOZOOM WITH A HUMAN
48 OVUM.

49 3. "GESTATIONAL AGE" MEANS THE TIME THAT HAS ELAPSED SINCE THE FIRST
50 DAY OF THE WOMAN'S LAST MENSTRUAL PERIOD.

51 4. "MEDICAL EMERGENCY" MEANS THAT CONDITION WHICH, ON THE BASIS OF THE
52 PHYSICIAN'S GOOD FAITH CLINICAL JUDGMENT, SO COMPLICATES THE MEDICAL
53 CONDITION OF A PREGNANT WOMAN AS TO NECESSITATE THE IMMEDIATE ABORTION
54 OF HER PREGNANCY TO AVERT HER DEATH OR FOR WHICH A DELAY WILL CREATE
55 SERIOUS RISK OF SUBSTANTIAL AND IRREVERSIBLE IMPAIRMENT OF A MAJOR BODI-
56 LY FUNCTION.

1 5. "PHYSICIAN" MEANS ANY PERSON LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THIS
2 STATE.

3 6. "PREGNANT" OR "PREGNANCY" MEANS THAT FEMALE REPRODUCTIVE CONDITION
4 OF HAVING AN UNBORN CHILD IN THE WOMAN'S BODY.

5 7. "QUALIFIED PERSON" MEANS AN AGENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO IS A
6 PSYCHOLOGIST, LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER, LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR,
7 REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE OR PHYSICIAN.

8 8. "UNBORN CHILD" MEANS THE OFFSPRING OF HUMAN BEINGS FROM CONCEPTION
9 UNTIL BIRTH.

10 9. "VIABILITY" AND "VIABLE" MEANS THAT STAGE OF FETAL DEVELOPMENT
11 WHEN THE LIFE OF THE UNBORN CHILD MAY BE CONTINUED INDEFINITELY OUTSIDE
12 THE WOMB BY NATURAL OR ARTIFICIAL LIFE-SUPPORTIVE SYSTEMS.

13 10. "WOMAN" MEANS ANY FEMALE PERSON.

14 S 2560-C. INFORMED CONSENT REQUIREMENT. NO ABORTION SHALL BE PERFORMED
15 OR INDUCED WITHOUT THE VOLUNTARY AND INFORMED CONSENT OF THE WOMAN UPON
16 WHOM THE ABORTION IS TO BE PERFORMED OR INDUCED. EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF
17 A MEDICAL EMERGENCY, CONSENT TO AN ABORTION IS VOLUNTARY AND INFORMED IF
18 AND ONLY IF:

19 1. AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS BEFORE THE ABORTION, THE PHYSICIAN WHO
20 IS TO PERFORM THE ABORTION OR THE REFERRING PHYSICIAN HAS INFORMED THE
21 WOMAN, ORALLY AND IN PERSON, OF:

22 (A) THE NAME OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO WILL PERFORM THE ABORTION;

23 (B) THE NATURE OF THE PROPOSED ABORTION METHOD AND OF THOSE RISKS AND
24 ALTERNATIVES TO THE METHOD THAT A REASONABLE PATIENT WOULD CONSIDER
25 MATERIAL TO THE DECISION OF WHETHER OR NOT TO UNDERGO THE ABORTION;

26 (C) THE PROBABLE GESTATIONAL AGE OF THE UNBORN CHILD AT THE TIME THE
27 ABORTION IS TO BE PERFORMED. AND IF THE UNBORN CHILD IS VIABLE OR HAS
28 REACHED THE GESTATIONAL AGE OF TWENTY-TWO WEEKS, THAT (I) THE UNBORN
29 CHILD MAY BE ABLE TO SURVIVE OUTSIDE THE WOMB; (II) THE WOMAN HAS THE
30 RIGHT TO REQUEST THE PHYSICIAN TO USE THE FORM OF TREATMENT THAT IS MOST
31 LIKELY TO PRESERVE THE LIFE OF THE UNBORN CHILD; AND (III) IF THE UNBORN
32 CHILD IS BORN ALIVE, THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN HAS THE LEGAL OBLIGATION TO
33 TAKE ALL REASONABLE STEPS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE LIFE AND HEALTH OF
34 THE CHILD;

35 (D) THE PROBABLE ANATOMICAL AND PHYSIOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE
36 UNBORN CHILD AT THE TIME THE ABORTION IS TO BE PERFORMED;

37 (E) THE MEDICAL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH CARRYING HER CHILD TO TERM;

38 (F) THE MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH ABORTION,
39 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE MEDICAL EVIDENCE REGARDING THE
40 INCREASED RISK OF BREAST CANCER ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED ABORTION;
41 AND

42 (G) ANY NEED FOR ANTI-RH IMMUNE GLOBULIN THERAPY, IF SHE IS RH NEGA-
43 TIVE, THE LIKELY CONSEQUENCES OF REFUSING SUCH THERAPY AND THE COST OF
44 THE THERAPY.

45 2. AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS BEFORE THE ABORTION, THE PHYSICIAN WHO
46 IS TO PERFORM THE ABORTION, THE REFERRING PHYSICIAN OR A QUALIFIED
47 PERSON HAS INFORMED THE WOMAN, ORALLY AND IN PERSON, THAT:

48 (A) THE PRINTED MATERIALS IN SECTION TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-D OF
49 THIS TITLE DESCRIBE THE UNBORN CHILD AND LIST AGENCIES WHICH OFFER
50 ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION;

51 (B) THE FATHER OF THE UNBORN CHILD IS OBLIGATED TO ASSIST IN THE
52 SUPPORT OF HER CHILD, EVEN IN INSTANCES WHERE HE HAS OFFERED TO PAY FOR
53 THE ABORTION. IN THE CASE OF RAPE, THIS INFORMATION MAY BE OMITTED;

54 (C) THE STATE ENCOURAGES HER TO VIEW THE ULTRASOUND IMAGE OF HER
55 UNBORN CHILD, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-E OF
56 THIS TITLE, BEFORE SHE DECIDES TO HAVE AN ABORTION. IF THE WOMAN DOES

1 NOT HAVE PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE ULTRASOUND SERVICE,
2 SHE SHALL BE PRESUMPTIVELY ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COVERAGE FOR
3 THE ULTRASOUND SERVICE; AND

4 (D) SHE IS FREE TO WITHHOLD OR WITHDRAW HER CONSENT TO THE ABORTION AT
5 ANY TIME BEFORE OR DURING THE ABORTION WITHOUT AFFECTING HER RIGHT TO
6 FUTURE CARE OR TREATMENT, AND WITHOUT THE LOSS OF ANY STATE OR FEDERAL-
7 LY-FUNDED BENEFITS TO WHICH SHE MIGHT OTHERWISE BE ENTITLED.

8 3. THE INFORMATION IN SUBDIVISIONS ONE AND TWO OF THIS SECTION IS
9 PROVIDED TO THE WOMAN INDIVIDUALLY AND IN A PRIVATE ROOM TO PROTECT HER
10 PRIVACY AND MAINTAIN THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF HER DECISION, TO ENSURE THAT
11 THE INFORMATION FOCUSES ON HER INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND THAT SHE HAS
12 AN ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK A QUESTION.

13 4. AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS BEFORE THE ABORTION, THE WOMAN IS GIVEN
14 A COPY OF THE PRINTED MATERIALS DESCRIBED IN SECTION TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED
15 SIXTY-D OF THIS TITLE. IF THE WOMAN IS UNABLE TO READ THE MATERIALS,
16 THEY SHALL BE READ TO HER. IF THE WOMAN ASKS QUESTIONS CONCERNING ANY OF
17 THE INFORMATION OR MATERIALS, ANSWERS SHALL BE PROVIDED TO HER IN HER
18 OWN LANGUAGE.

19 5. THE WOMAN CERTIFIES IN WRITING, PRIOR TO THE ABORTION, THAT THE
20 INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED UNDER SUBDIVISIONS ONE, TWO AND FOUR
21 OF THIS SECTION HAS BEEN PROVIDED.

22 6. PRIOR TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ABORTION, THE PHYSICIAN WHO IS TO
23 PERFORM THE ABORTION OR HIS OR HER AGENT RECEIVES A COPY OF THE WRITTEN
24 CERTIFICATION PRESCRIBED BY SUBDIVISION FIVE OF THIS SECTION.

25 7. THE WOMAN IS NOT REQUIRED TO PAY ANY AMOUNT FOR THE ABORTION PROCE-
26 DURE UNTIL THE TWENTY-FOUR HOUR WAITING PERIOD HAS EXPIRED.

27 S 2560-D. PUBLICATION OF MATERIALS. 1. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CAUSE TO
28 BE PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH, AND SHALL UPDATE ON AN ANNUAL
29 BASIS, THE FOLLOWING EASILY COMPREHENSIBLE PRINTED MATERIALS:

30 (A) GEOGRAPHICALLY INDEXED MATERIALS DESIGNED TO INFORM THE WOMAN OF
31 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES AND SERVICES AVAILABLE TO ASSIST A WOMAN
32 THROUGH PREGNANCY, UPON CHILDBIRTH AND WHILE HER CHILD IS DEPENDENT,
33 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ADOPTION AGENCIES. THE MATERIALS SHALL
34 INCLUDE A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF THE AGENCIES, A DESCRIPTION OF THE
35 SERVICES THEY OFFER, AND THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF THE
36 AGENCIES; AND INFORM THE WOMAN ABOUT AVAILABLE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE BENE-
37 FITS FOR PRENATAL CARE, CHILDBIRTH AND NEONATAL CARE, AND ABOUT THE
38 SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS OF THE FATHER OF A CHILD WHO IS BORN ALIVE. THE
39 DEPARTMENT SHALL ENSURE THAT THE MATERIALS DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION ARE
40 COMPREHENSIVE AND DO NOT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY PROMOTE, EXCLUDE OR
41 DISCOURAGE THE USE OF ANY AGENCY OR SERVICE DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.
42 THE MATERIALS SHALL ALSO CONTAIN A TOLL-FREE, TWENTY-FOUR HOUR A DAY
43 TELEPHONE NUMBER WHICH MAY BE CALLED TO OBTAIN, ORALLY, SUCH A LIST AND
44 DESCRIPTION OF AGENCIES IN THE LOCALITY OF THE CALLER AND OF THE
45 SERVICES THEY OFFER. THE MATERIALS SHALL STATE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR
46 ANY INDIVIDUAL TO COERCE A WOMAN TO UNDERGO AN ABORTION, THAT ANY PHYSI-
47 CIAN WHO PERFORMS AN ABORTION UPON A WOMAN WITHOUT HER INFORMED CONSENT
48 MAY BE LIABLE TO HER FOR DAMAGES IN A CIVIL ACTION AT LAW AND THAT THE
49 LAW PERMITS ADOPTIVE PARENTS TO PAY COSTS OF PRENATAL CARE, CHILDBIRTH
50 AND NEONATAL CARE. THE MATERIALS SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

51 "THERE ARE MANY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES WILLING AND ABLE TO HELP
52 YOU TO CARRY YOUR CHILD TO TERM, AND TO ASSIST YOU AND YOUR CHILD AFTER
53 YOUR CHILD IS BORN, WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO KEEP YOUR CHILD OR TO PLACE
54 HER OR HIM FOR ADOPTION. THE STATE OF NEW YORK STRONGLY URGES YOU TO
55 CONTACT THEM BEFORE MAKING A FINAL DECISION ABOUT ABORTION. THE LAW

1 REQUIRES THAT YOUR PHYSICIAN OR HIS OR HER AGENT GIVE YOU THE OPPORTU-
2 NITY TO CALL AGENCIES LIKE THESE BEFORE YOU UNDERGO AN ABORTION."

3 (B) MATERIALS THAT INFORM THE PREGNANT WOMAN OF THE PROBABLE ANATOM-
4 ICAL AND PHYSIOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNBORN CHILD AT TWO-WEEK
5 GESTATIONAL INCREMENTS FROM FERTILIZATION TO FULL TERM, INCLUDING
6 PICTURES OR DRAWINGS REPRESENTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF UNBORN CHILDREN AT
7 TWO-WEEK GESTATIONAL INCREMENTS, AND ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION ON THE
8 POSSIBILITY OF THE UNBORN CHILD'S SURVIVAL; PROVIDED THAT ANY SUCH
9 PICTURES OR DRAWINGS SHALL CONTAIN THE DIMENSIONS OF THE UNBORN CHILD
10 AND MUST BE REALISTIC. THE MATERIALS SHALL BE OBJECTIVE, NONJUDGMENTAL
11 AND DESIGNED TO CONVEY ONLY ACCURATE SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE
12 UNBORN CHILD AT THE VARIOUS GESTATIONAL AGES. THE MATERIAL SHALL ALSO
13 CONTAIN OBJECTIVE INFORMATION DESCRIBING THE METHODS OF ABORTION PROCE-
14 DURES COMMONLY EMPLOYED, THE MEDICAL RISKS COMMONLY ASSOCIATED WITH EACH
15 SUCH PROCEDURE AND THE MEDICAL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH CARRYING A CHILD TO
16 TERM.

17 2. THE MATERIALS SHALL BE PRINTED IN A TYPEFACE LARGE ENOUGH TO BE
18 CLEARLY LEGIBLE.

19 3. THE MATERIALS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE AVAILABLE AT NO
20 COST FROM THE DEPARTMENT UPON REQUEST AND IN APPROPRIATE NUMBER TO ANY
21 PERSON, FACILITY OR HOSPITAL.

22 S 2560-E. ULTRASOUND. 1. PRIOR TO A WOMAN GIVING INFORMED CONSENT TO
23 HAVING ANY PART OF AN ABORTION PERFORMED OR INDUCED, AND PRIOR TO THE
24 ADMINISTRATION OF ANY ANESTHESIA OR MEDICATION IN PREPARATION FOR THE
25 ABORTION ON THE WOMAN THE PHYSICIAN WHO IS TO PERFORM THE ABORTION OR A
26 QUALIFIED TECHNICIAN SHALL:

27 (A) PERFORM AN OBSTETRIC ULTRASOUND ON THE PREGNANT WOMAN, USING
28 WHICHEVER METHOD THE PHYSICIAN AND PATIENT AGREE IS BEST UNDER THE
29 CIRCUMSTANCE;

30 (B) PROVIDE A SIMULTANEOUS VERBAL EXPLANATION OF WHAT THE ULTRASOUND
31 IS DEPICTING, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE PRESENCE AND LOCATION OF THE
32 UNBORN CHILD WITHIN THE UTERUS AND THE NUMBER OF UNBORN CHILDREN
33 DEPICTED. IF THE ULTRASOUND IMAGE INDICATES THAT FETAL DEMISE HAS
34 OCCURRED, A WOMAN SHALL BE INFORMED OF THAT FACT;

35 (C) DISPLAY THE ULTRASOUND IMAGES SO THAT THE PREGNANT WOMAN MAY VIEW
36 THEM;

37 (D) PROVIDE A MEDICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE ULTRASOUND IMAGES, WHICH
38 SHALL INCLUDE THE DIMENSIONS OF THE EMBRYO OR FETUS AND THE PRESENCE OF
39 EXTERNAL MEMBERS AND INTERNAL ORGANS, IF PRESENT AND VIEWABLE;

40 (E) OBTAIN A WRITTEN CERTIFICATION FROM THE WOMAN, PRIOR TO THE
41 ABORTION, THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION HAVE
42 BEEN COMPLIED WITH; AND

43 (F) RETAIN A COPY OF THE WRITTEN CERTIFICATION PRESCRIBED BY PARAGRAPH
44 (E) OF THIS SUBDIVISION. THE CERTIFICATION SHALL BE PLACED IN THE
45 MEDICAL FILE OF THE WOMAN AND SHALL BE KEPT BY THE ABORTION PROVIDER FOR
46 A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS. IF THE WOMAN IS A MINOR, THEN THE
47 CERTIFICATION SHALL BE PLACED IN THE MEDICAL FILE OF THE MINOR AND KEPT
48 FOR AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS OR FOR FIVE YEARS AFTER THE MINOR REACHES THE
49 AGE OF MAJORITY, WHICHEVER IS GREATER.

50 2. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PREVENT A PREGNANT
51 WOMAN FROM AVERTING HER EYES FROM THE ULTRASOUND IMAGES REQUIRED TO BE
52 PROVIDED TO AND REVIEWED WITH HER. NEITHER THE PHYSICIAN NOR THE PREG-
53 NANT WOMAN SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ANY PENALTY IF SHE REFUSES TO LOOK AT THE
54 PRESENTED ULTRASOUND IMAGES.

55 3. PRIOR TO A WOMAN GIVING INFORMED CONSENT TO HAVING ANY PART OF AN
56 ABORTION PERFORMED OR INDUCED, IF THE PREGNANCY IS AT LEAST EIGHT WEEKS

1 AFTER FERTILIZATION (TEN WEEKS FROM THE FIRST DAY OF THE LAST MENSTRUAL
2 PERIOD), THE ABORTION PROVIDER WHO IS TO PERFORM OR INDUCE THE ABORTION,
3 A CERTIFIED TECHNICIAN, OR ANOTHER AGENT OF THE ABORTION PROVIDER SHALL,
4 USING A HAND-HELD DOPPLER FETAL MONITOR, MAKE THE EMBRYONIC OR FETAL
5 HEARTBEAT OF THE UNBORN CHILD AUDIBLE FOR THE PREGNANT WOMAN TO HEAR.

6 4. A PHYSICIAN, A CERTIFIED TECHNICIAN, OR ANOTHER AGENT OF THE PHYSI-
7 CIAN SHALL NOT BE IN VIOLATION OF SUBDIVISION THREE OF THIS SECTION IF:

8 (A) THE PHYSICIAN, CERTIFIED TECHNICIAN, OR AGENT HAS ATTEMPTED,
9 CONSISTENT WITH STANDARD MEDICAL PRACTICE, TO MAKE THE EMBRYONIC OR
10 FETAL HEARTBEAT OF THE UNBORN CHILD AUDIBLE FOR THE PREGNANT WOMAN TO
11 HEAR USING A HAND-HELD DOPPLER FETAL MONITOR;

12 (B) THAT ATTEMPT DOES NOT RESULT IN THE HEARTBEAT BEING MADE AUDIBLE;
13 AND

14 (C) THE PHYSICIAN HAS OFFERED TO ATTEMPT TO MAKE THE HEARTBEAT AUDIBLE
15 AT A SUBSEQUENT DATE.

16 5. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PREVENT THE PREGNANT
17 WOMAN FROM NOT LISTENING TO THE SOUNDS DETECTED BY THE HAND-HELD DOPPLER
18 FETAL MONITOR, PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THREE OF THIS SECTION.

19 S 2560-F. INTERNET WEBSITE. 1. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND MAIN-
20 TAIN A STABLE INTERNET WEBSITE TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION DESCRIBED
21 UNDER SECTION TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-D OF THIS TITLE. NO INFORMATION
22 REGARDING WHO USES THE WEBSITE SHALL BE COLLECTED OR MAINTAINED. THE
23 DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THE WEBSITE ON A DAILY BASIS TO PREVENT AND
24 CORRECT TAMPERING AND SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY ABORTION PROVIDERS OF ANY
25 CHANGE IN THE LOCATION OF THE MATERIAL ON ITS WEBSITE.

26 2. THE WEBSITE SHALL:

27 (A) USE ENHANCED, USER-FRIENDLY SEARCH CAPABILITIES TO ENSURE THAT THE
28 INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SECTION TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-D OF THIS
29 TITLE IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE, AND MUST USE SEARCHABLE KEYWORDS AND PHRAS-
30 ES, SPECIFICALLY TO ENSURE THAT ENTERING THE TERM "ABORTION" YIELDS THE
31 MATERIALS FROM SECTION TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-D OF THIS TITLE,
32 REGARDLESS OF HOW SUCH MATERIALS ARE LABELED;

33 (B) ENSURE THAT THE MATERIAL FROM SECTION TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-D
34 OF THIS TITLE IS PRINTABLE;

35 (C) GIVE CLEAR PROMINENT INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO RECEIVE THE INFORMA-
36 TION IN PRINTED FORM; AND

37 (D) BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC WITHOUT REQUIRING REGISTRATION OR USE
38 OF A USER NAME, A PASSWORD, OR ANOTHER USER IDENTIFICATION.

39 S 2560-G. ABORTION PROVIDER WEBSITE. IF AN ABORTION PROVIDER HAS A
40 WEBSITE, THE ABORTION PROVIDER'S INTERNET WEBSITE HOME PAGE, BY USE OF
41 AT LEAST TWO DIRECT LINKS, ONE OF WHICH IS POSTED PROMINENTLY, SHALL
42 LINK TO THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMED CONSENT MATERIALS.

43 S 2560-H. EMERGENCY. WHERE A MEDICAL EMERGENCY COMPELS THE PERFORMANCE
44 OF AN ABORTION, THE PHYSICIAN SHALL INFORM THE WOMAN, BEFORE THE
45 ABORTION IF POSSIBLE, OF THE MEDICAL INDICATIONS SUPPORTING HIS OR HER
46 JUDGMENT THAT AN ABORTION IS NECESSARY TO AVERT HER DEATH OR TO AVERT
47 SUBSTANTIAL AND IRREVERSIBLE IMPAIRMENT OF A MAJOR BODILY FUNCTION.

48 S 2560-I. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. 1. WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER THIS
49 ACT IS ENACTED, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE A REPORTING FORM FOR PHYSI-
50 CIANS CONTAINING A REPRINT OF THIS ACT AND LISTING:

51 (A) THE NUMBER OF WOMEN TO WHOM THE PHYSICIAN PROVIDED THE INFORMATION
52 DESCRIBED IN SECTION TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-C OF THIS TITLE; OF THAT
53 NUMBER, THE NUMBER PROVIDED BY TELEPHONE AND THE NUMBER PROVIDED IN
54 PERSON; AND OF EACH OF THOSE NUMBERS, THE NUMBER PROVIDED IN THE CAPACI-
55 TY OF A REFERRING PHYSICIAN AND THE NUMBER PROVIDED IN THE CAPACITY OF A
56 PHYSICIAN WHO IS TO PERFORM THE ABORTION;

(B) THE NUMBER OF WOMEN TO WHOM THE PHYSICIAN OR AN AGENT OF THE PHYSICIAN PROVIDED THE INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SECTION TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-C OF THIS TITLE; OF THAT NUMBER, THE NUMBER PROVIDED BY TELEPHONE AND THE NUMBER PROVIDED IN PERSON; OF EACH OF THOSE NUMBERS, THE NUMBER PROVIDED IN THE CAPACITY OF A REFERRING PHYSICIAN AND THE NUMBER PROVIDED IN THE CAPACITY OF A PHYSICIAN WHO IS TO PERFORM THE ABORTION; AND OF EACH OF THOSE NUMBERS, THE NUMBER PROVIDED BY THE PHYSICIAN AND THE NUMBER PROVIDED BY AN AGENT OF THE PHYSICIAN;

(C) THE NUMBER OF WOMEN WHO AVAILED THEMSELVES OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE PRINTED INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SECTION TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-D OF THIS TITLE OTHER THAN ON THE WEBSITE, AND THE NUMBER WHO DID NOT; AND OF EACH OF THOSE NUMBERS, THE NUMBER WHO, TO THE BEST OF THE REPORTING PHYSICIAN'S INFORMATION AND BELIEF, WENT ON TO OBTAIN THE ABORTION; AND

(D) THE NUMBER OF ABORTIONS PERFORMED BY THE PHYSICIAN IN WHICH INFORMATION OTHERWISE REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS BEFORE THE ABORTION WAS NOT SO PROVIDED BECAUSE AN IMMEDIATE ABORTION WAS NECESSARY TO AVERT THE WOMAN'S DEATH, AND THE NUMBER OF ABORTIONS IN WHICH SUCH INFORMATION WAS NOT SO PROVIDED BECAUSE A DELAY WOULD CREATE SERIOUS RISK OF SUBSTANTIAL AND IRREVERSIBLE IMPAIRMENT OF A MAJOR BODILY FUNCTION.

2. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENSURE THAT COPIES OF THE REPORTING FORMS DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION (A) OF THIS SECTION ARE PROVIDED:

(A) WITHIN ONE HUNDRED TWO DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN WHICH ENACTED THIS TITLE, TO ALL PHYSICIANS LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN THIS STATE;

(B) TO EACH PHYSICIAN WHO SUBSEQUENTLY BECOMES NEWLY LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN THIS STATE, AT THE SAME TIME AS OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION TO THAT PHYSICIAN THAT THE PHYSICIAN IS SO LICENSED; AND

(C) BY DECEMBER FIRST OF EACH YEAR, OTHER THAN THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH FORMS ARE DISTRIBUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION, TO ALL PHYSICIANS LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN THIS STATE.

3. BY FEBRUARY TWENTY-EIGHTH OF EACH YEAR FOLLOWING A CALENDAR YEAR IN ANY PART OF WHICH THIS ACT WAS IN EFFECT, EACH PHYSICIAN WHO PROVIDED, OR WHOSE AGENT PROVIDED, INFORMATION TO ONE OR MORE WOMEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-C OF THIS TITLE DURING THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT A COPY OF THE FORM DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, WITH THE REQUESTED DATA ENTERED ACCURATELY AND COMPLETELY.

4. REPORTS THAT ARE NOT SUBMITTED BY THE END OF A GRACE PERIOD OF THIRTY DAYS FOLLOWING THE DUE DATE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A LATE FEE OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EACH ADDITIONAL THIRTY DAY PERIOD OR PORTION OF A THIRTY DAY PERIOD THEY ARE OVERDUE. ANY PHYSICIAN REQUIRED TO REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION WHO HAS NOT SUBMITTED A REPORT, OR HAS SUBMITTED ONLY AN INCOMPLETE REPORT, MORE THAN ONE YEAR FOLLOWING THE DUE DATE, MAY, IN AN ACTION BROUGHT BY THE DEPARTMENT, BE DIRECTED BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO SUBMIT A COMPLETE REPORT WITHIN A PERIOD STATED BY COURT ORDER OR BE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS FOR CIVIL CONTEMPT.

5. BY JUNE THIRTIETH OF EACH YEAR THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A PUBLIC REPORT PROVIDING STATISTICS FOR THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR COMPILED FROM ALL OF THE REPORTS COVERING THAT YEAR SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION FOR EACH OF THE ITEMS LISTED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION. EACH SUCH REPORT SHALL ALSO PROVIDE THE STATISTICS FOR ALL PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEARS, ADJUSTED TO REFLECT ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM LATE OR CORRECTED REPORTS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TAKE CARE TO ENSURE THAT NONE

1 OF THE INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THE PUBLIC REPORTS COULD REASONABLY LEAD
2 TO THE IDENTIFICATION OF ANY INDIVIDUAL PROVIDED INFORMATION IN ACCORD-
3 ANCE WITH SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION.

4 6. THE DEPARTMENT MAY BY REGULATION ALTER THE DATES ESTABLISHED BY
5 THIS SECTION OR CONSOLIDATE THE FORMS OR REPORTS DESCRIBED IN THIS
6 SECTION WITH OTHER FORMS OR REPORTS TO ACHIEVE ADMINISTRATIVE CONVEN-
7 IENCE OR FISCAL SAVINGS OR TO REDUCE THE BURDEN OF REPORTING REQUIRE-
8 MENTS, SO LONG AS REPORTING FORMS ARE SENT TO ALL LICENSED PHYSICIANS IN
9 THE STATE AT LEAST ONCE EVERY YEAR AND THE REPORT DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVI-
10 SION FIVE OF THIS SECTION, IS ISSUED AT LEAST ONCE EVERY YEAR.

11 S 2560-J. CRIMINAL PENALTIES. ANY PERSON WHO INTENTIONALLY, KNOWINGLY
12 OR RECKLESSLY VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE GUILTY OF A
13 FELONY. ANY PHYSICIAN WHO KNOWINGLY OR RECKLESSLY SUBMITS A FALSE REPORT
14 UNDER SECTION TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-I OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE GUILTY
15 OF A MISDEMEANOR. NO PENALTY MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE WOMAN UPON WHOM
16 THE ABORTION IS PERFORMED OR ATTEMPTED TO BE PERFORMED. NO PENALTY OR
17 CIVIL LIABILITY MAY BE ASSESSED FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH SECTION TWEN-
18 TY-FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-C OF THIS TITLE OR THAT PORTION OF SECTION TWEN-
19 TY-FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-C OF THIS TITLE REQUIRING A WRITTEN CERTIFICATION
20 THAT THE WOMAN HAS BEEN INFORMED OF HER OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE INFOR-
21 MATION REFERRED TO IN SUCH SECTION MAY BE ASSESSED UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT
22 HAS MADE THE PRINTED MATERIALS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME THE PHYSICIAN OR
23 THE PHYSICIAN'S AGENT IS REQUIRED TO INFORM THE WOMAN OF HER RIGHT TO
24 VIEW THEM.

25 S 2560-K. CIVIL PENALTIES. IN ADDITION TO ANY REMEDIES AVAILABLE UNDER
26 THE COMMON OR STATUTORY LAW OF THIS STATE, FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE
27 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS TITLE SHALL:

28 1. PROVIDE A BASIS FOR A CIVIL MALPRACTICE ACTION. ANY INTENTIONAL
29 VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE ADMISSIBLE IN A CIVIL SUIT AS PRIMA
30 FACIE EVIDENCE OF A FAILURE TO OBTAIN AN INFORMED CONSENT.

31 2. PROVIDE A BASIS FOR PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINARY ACTION PURSUANT TO
32 TITLE TWO-A OF ARTICLE TWO OF THIS CHAPTER.

33 3. PROVIDE A BASIS FOR RECOVERY BY THE WOMAN IN A WRONGFUL DEATH
34 ACTION, WHETHER OR NOT THE UNBORN CHILD WAS VIABLE AT THE TIME THE
35 ABORTION WAS PERFORMED OR WAS BORN ALIVE.

36 S 2560-L. LIMITATION ON CIVIL LIABILITY. ANY PHYSICIAN WHO COMPLIES
37 WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE SHALL NOT BE HELD CIVILLY LIABLE TO
38 HIS OR HER PATIENT FOR FAILURE TO OBTAIN INFORMED CONSENT TO THE
39 ABORTION.

40 S 2560-M. SEVERABILITY. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE ARE DECLARED TO
41 BE SEVERABLE, AND IF ANY PROVISION, WORD, PHRASE OR CLAUSE OF THIS TITLE
42 OR THE APPLICATION THEREOF TO ANY PERSON SHALL BE HELD INVALID, SUCH
43 INVALIDITY SHALL NOT AFFECT THE VALIDITY OF THE REMAINING PORTIONS OF
44 THIS TITLE.

45 S 2560-N. CONSTRUCTION. 1. NOTHING IN THIS TITLE SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS
46 CREATING OR RECOGNIZING A RIGHT TO ABORTION.

47 2. IT IS NOT THE INTENTION OF THIS TITLE TO MAKE LAWFUL AN ABORTION
48 THAT IS CURRENTLY UNLAWFUL.

49 S 2. 1. The department of health shall cause to be published in
50 English and Spanish within 102 days after the effective date of this
51 act, and shall update on an annual basis, the following easily compre-
52 hensible printed materials:

53 (a) Geographically indexed materials designed to inform the woman of
54 public and private agencies and services available to assist a woman
55 through pregnancy, upon childbirth and while her child is dependent,
56 including but not limited to, adoption agencies. The materials shall

1 include a comprehensive list of the agencies, a description of the
2 services they offer, and the telephone numbers and addresses of the
3 agencies; and inform the woman about available medical assistance bene-
4 fits for prenatal care, childbirth, and neonatal care and about the
5 support obligations of the father of a child who is born alive. The
6 department of health shall ensure that the materials described in this
7 section are comprehensive and do not directly or indirectly promote,
8 exclude, or discourage the use of any agency or service described in
9 this section. The materials shall also contain a toll-free twenty-four-
10 hour a day telephone number which may be called to obtain, orally, such
11 a list and description of agencies in the locality of the caller and of
12 the services they offer. The materials shall state that it is unlawful
13 for any individual to coerce a woman to undergo an abortion, that any
14 physician who performs an abortion upon a woman without her informed
15 consent may be liable to her for damages in a civil action at law and
16 that the law permits adoptive parents to pay costs of prenatal care,
17 childbirth and neonatal care. The materials shall include the following
18 statement:

19 "There are many public and private agencies willing and able to help
20 you to carry your child to term, and to assist you and your child after
21 your child is born, whether you choose to keep your child or to place
22 her or him for adoption. The state of New York strongly urges you to
23 contact them before making a final decision about abortion. The law
24 requires that your physician or his or her agent give you the opportu-
25 nity to call agencies like these before you undergo an abortion."

26 (b) Materials that inform the pregnant woman of the probable anatom-
27 ical and physiological characteristics of the unborn child at two-week
28 gestational increments from fertilization to full term, including
29 pictures or drawings representing the development of unborn children at
30 two-week gestational increments, and any relevant information on the
31 possibility of the unborn child's survival; provided that any such
32 pictures or drawings must contain the dimensions of the unborn child and
33 must be realistic. The materials shall be objective, nonjudgmental and
34 designed to convey only accurate scientific information about the unborn
35 child at the various gestational ages. The material shall also contain
36 objective information describing the methods of abortion procedures
37 commonly employed, the medical risks commonly associated with each such
38 procedure, and the medical risks associated with carrying a child to
39 term.

40 2. The materials shall be printed in a typeface large enough to be
41 clearly legible.

42 3. The materials required under this section shall be available at no
43 cost from the department of health upon request and in appropriate
44 numbers to any person, facility or hospital.

45 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that section one
46 of this act shall take effect on the one hundred second day after this
47 act shall have become a law, when upon such date section two of this act
48 shall expire and be deemed repealed.