An Act To Ensure Women Are Informed of Abortion Pill Reversal

Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

Presented by Representative GRIFFIN of Levant.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, DOLLOFF of Milton Township, DUCHARME of Madison, GRIGNON of Athens, KINNEY of Knox, MASON of Lisbon, O'CONNOR of Berwick.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1599-A, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 61, §4, is amended to read:

C. The particular risks associated with her own pregnancy and the abortion technique to be performed; and

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1599-A, sub-§2, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 61, §4, is amended to read:

D. At the woman's request, alternatives to abortion such as childbirth and adoption and information concerning public and private agencies that will provide the woman with economic and other assistance to carry the fetus to term, including, if the woman so requests, a list of these agencies and the services available from each; and

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §1599-A, sub-§2, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. If the woman is seeking an abortion by using an abortion-inducing drug, that it may be possible to reverse the effects of an abortion-inducing drug with medication and treatment. The health care professional shall document in a record that the information has been provided to the woman, and the woman shall sign the record indicating that she has received the information.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the abortion informed consent laws to require the health care professional to tell the pregnant woman that it may be possible to reverse the effects of an abortion-inducing drug with medication and treatment. The health care professional is required to make a record indicating the information was provided, and the woman is required to sign the record to show that she received the information.