SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 5548

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code,"

by amending section 17015 (MCL 333.17015), as added by 1993 PA 133.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 17015. (1) Subject to subsection $\frac{1}{(7)}$ (10), a physi-
- 2 cian shall not perform an abortion otherwise permitted by law
- 3 without the patient's informed written consent, given freely and
- 4 without coercion.
- 5 (2) For purposes of this section:
- 6 (a) "Abortion" means the intentional use of an instrument,
- 7 drug, or other substance or device to terminate a woman's preg-
- 8 nancy for a purpose other than to increase the probability of a
- 9 live birth, to preserve the life or health of the child after
- 10 live birth, or to remove a dead fetus. Abortion does not include

- 1 the use or prescription of a drug or device intended as a
- 2 contraceptive.
- 3 (b) "Fetus" means an individual organism of the species homo
- 4 sapiens in utero.
- 5 (c) "Local health department representative" means a person
- 6 employed by, or contracted UNDER CONTRACT to provide services
- 7 on behalf of, a local health department who meets any 1 OR MORE
- 8 of the licensing requirements listed in subsection (2)(e)
- 9 SUBDIVISION (E).
- 10 (d) "Medical emergency" means that condition which, on the
- 11 basis of the physician's good faith clinical judgment, so compli-
- 12 cates the medical condition of a pregnant woman as to necessitate
- 13 the immediate abortion of her pregnancy to avert her death or for
- 14 which a delay will create serious risk of substantial and irre-
- 15 versible impairment of a major bodily function.
- 16 (e) "Qualified person assisting the physician" means another
- 17 physician or a physician's assistant licensed under this part or
- 18 part 175, a fully licensed or limited licensed psychologist
- 19 licensed under part 182, a professional counselor licensed under
- 20 part 181, a registered professional nurse or a licensed practical
- 21 nurse licensed under part 172, or a social worker registered in
- 22 this state under article 16 of the occupational code, Act No. 299
- 23 of the Public Acts of 1980, being sections 339.1601 to 339.1610
- 24 of the Michigan Compiled Laws UNDER PART 185.
- 25 (f) "Probable gestational age of the fetus" means the gesta-
- 26 tional age of the fetus at the time an abortion is planned to be
- 27 performed. , as determined by the attending physician.

- 1 (G) "PROVIDE THE PATIENT WITH A PHYSICAL COPY" MEANS
- 2 CONFIRMING THAT THE PATIENT ACCESSED THE INTERNET WEBSITE
- 3 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (5) AND RECEIVED A PRINTED VALID CONFIR-
- 4 MATION FORM FROM THE WEBSITE AND INCLUDING THAT FORM IN THE
- 5 PATIENT'S MEDICAL RECORD OR GIVING A PATIENT A COPY OF A REOUIRED
- 6 DOCUMENT BY 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING MEANS:
- 7 (i) IN PERSON.
- 8 (ii) BY REGISTERED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED.
- 9 (iii) BY PARCEL DELIVERY SERVICE THAT REOUIRES THE RECIPIENT
- 10 TO PROVIDE A SIGNATURE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE DELIVERY OF A PARCEL.
- 11 (iv) BY FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION.
- 12 (3) Subject to subsection $\frac{(7)}{(10)}$, a physician or a qual-
- 13 ified person assisting the physician shall do all of the follow-
- 14 ing not less than 24 hours before that physician performs an
- 15 abortion upon a PATIENT WHO IS A pregnant woman:
- 16 (a) Confirm that, according to the best medical judgment of
- 17 a physician, the patient is pregnant, and determine the probable
- 18 gestational age of the fetus.
- 19 (b) Orally describe, in language designed to be understood
- 20 by the pregnant woman PATIENT, taking into account her age,
- 21 level of maturity, and intellectual capability, each of the
- 22 following:
- (i) The probable gestational age of the fetus she is
- 24 carrying.
- 25 (ii) Information about what to do and whom to contact should
- 26 medical complications arise from the abortion.

- 1 (iii) Information about how to obtain pregnancy prevention
- 2 information through the department of public COMMUNITY health.
- 3 (c) Preceded by an explanation that the patient has the
- 4 option to review or not review the written summary, present to
- 5 the patient PROVIDE THE PATIENT WITH A PHYSICAL COPY OF the
- **6** written summary described in subsection $\frac{-(8)(b)}{-(11)(B)}$ (11)(B) that
- 7 corresponds to the procedure the patient will undergo and is pro-
- 8 vided by the department of $\frac{}{}$ public COMMUNITY health. $\frac{}{}$ or
- 9 approved by the department of public health under subsection
- **10** (8)(e).
- 11 (d) Preceded by an explanation that the patient has the
- 12 option to review or not review the depiction and description,
- 13 provide PROVIDE the patient with a PHYSICAL copy of a medically
- 14 accurate depiction, ILLUSTRATION, OR PHOTOGRAPH and description
- 15 of a fetus supplied by the department of public COMMUNITY
- 16 health pursuant to subsection $\frac{(8)(a)}{(11)(A)}$ at the gestational
- 17 age nearest the probable gestational age of the patient's fetus.
- 18 (e) Provide the patient with a PHYSICAL copy of the prenatal
- 19 care and parenting information pamphlet distributed by the
- 20 department of public COMMUNITY health under section 9161.
- 21 (4) The requirements of subsection (3) may be fulfilled by
- 22 the physician or a qualified person assisting the physician at a
- 23 location other than the health facility where the abortion is to
- 24 be performed. The physician or qualified person assisting the
- 25 physician may refer the patient to a local health department to
- 26 have a pregnancy confirmed as required under subsection (3)(a),
- 27 and to obtain the information required under subsection (3)(c)

- 1 and subsection (3)(d). THE REQUIREMENT OF SUBSECTION (3)(A) THAT
- 2 A PATIENT'S PREGNANCY BE CONFIRMED MAY BE FULFILLED BY A LOCAL
- 3 HEALTH DEPARTMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (18). THE REQUIREMENTS OF
- 4 SUBSECTION (3) CANNOT BE FULFILLED BY THE PATIENT ACCESSING AN
- 5 INTERNET WEBSITE OTHER THAN THE INTERNET WEBSITE DESCRIBED IN
- 6 SUBSECTION (5) THAT IS MAINTAINED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT.
- 7 (5) THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (3)(C) THROUGH (E) MAY BE
- 8 FULFILLED BY A PATIENT ACCESSING THE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED
- 9 AND OPERATED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT AND RECEIVING A PRINTED,
- 10 VALID CONFIRMATION FORM FROM THE WEBSITE THAT THE PATIENT HAS
- 11 REVIEWED THE INFORMATION REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (3)(C) THROUGH
- 12 (E) AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE AN ABORTION BEING PERFORMED ON THE
- 13 PATIENT. THE WEBSITE SHALL NOT REQUIRE ANY INFORMATION BE SUP-
- 14 PLIED BY THE PATIENT. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT TRACK, COMPILE,
- 15 OR OTHERWISE KEEP A RECORD OF INFORMATION THAT WOULD IDENTIFY A
- 16 PATIENT WHO ACCESSES THIS WEBSITE. THE PATIENT SHALL SUPPLY THE
- 17 VALID CONFIRMATION FORM TO THE PHYSICIAN OR QUALIFIED PERSON
- 18 ASSISTING THE PHYSICIAN TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PATIENT'S MEDICAL
- 19 RECORD TO COMPLY WITH THIS SUBSECTION.
- 20 (6) $\overline{(5)}$ Subject to subsection $\overline{(7)}$ (10), before
- 21 performing an abortion OBTAINING THE PATIENT'S SIGNATURE ON THE
- 22 ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONSENT FORM, a physician PERSONALLY AND IN
- 23 THE PRESENCE OF THE PATIENT shall do all of the following:
- 24 (a) Provide the patient with the physician's name and inform
- 25 the patient of her right to withhold or withdraw her consent to
- 26 the abortion at any time before performance of the abortion.

- 1 (b) Orally describe, in language designed to be understood
- 2 by the pregnant woman PATIENT, taking into account her age,
- 3 level of maturity, and intellectual capability, each of the
- 4 following:
- 5 (i) The specific risk, if any, to the patient of the compli-
- 6 cations that have been associated with the procedure the patient
- 7 will undergo, based on the patient's particular medical condition
- 8 and history as determined by the physician.
- $\mathbf{9}$ (ii) The specific risk of complications, IF ANY, to the
- 10 patient if she chooses to continue the pregnancy based on the
- 11 patient's particular medical condition and history as determined
- 12 by a physician.
- (c) Obtain the patient's signature, on a form prepared or
- 14 approved by the department, consenting to the abortion and
- 15 acknowledging that she has received the information required in
- 16 subsection (3), along with the explanations that she has the
- 17 option to review or not review the written summary described in
- 18 subsection (3)(c) and the depictions and descriptions described
- 19 in subsection (3)(d). The physician shall retain a copy of the
- 20 acknowledgment and consent form, and where applicable, the certi-
- 21 fication form completed under subsection (15), in the patient's
- 22 medical record.
- 23 (d) Provide the patient with a copy of the written acknowl-
- 24 edgment and consent form described in subsection (8)(c), or
- 25 approved by the department under subsection (8)(e).
- 26 (7) $\overline{\text{(6)}}$ To protect a $\overline{\text{woman's}}$ PATIENT'S privacy, the
- **27** information set forth in subsection (3) and subsection $\frac{(5)}{(6)}$

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- 1 shall not be disclosed to the woman PATIENT in the presence of
- 2 another patient.
- 3 (8) BEFORE PERFORMING AN ABORTION ON A PATIENT WHO IS A
- 4 PREGNANT WOMAN, A PHYSICIAN OR A QUALIFIED PERSON ASSISTING THE
- 5 PHYSICIAN SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 6 (A) OBTAIN THE PATIENT'S SIGNATURE ON THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND
- 7 CONSENT FORM DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (11)(C) CONFIRMING THAT SHE
- 8 HAS RECEIVED THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (3).
- 9 (B) PROVIDE THE PATIENT WITH A PHYSICAL COPY OF THE SIGNED
- 10 ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONSENT FORM DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (11)(C).
- 11 (C) RETAIN A COPY OF THE SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONSENT
- 12 FORM DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (11)(C) AND, IF APPLICABLE, A COPY
- 13 OF THE PREGNANCY CERTIFICATION FORM COMPLETED UNDER SUBSECTION
- 14 (18)(B), IN THE PATIENT'S MEDICAL RECORD.
- 15 (9) A PHYSICIAN SHALL NOT REQUIRE OR OBTAIN PAYMENT FOR AN ABORTION RELATED MEDICAL
- 16 SERVICE PROVIDED TO A PATIENT WHO HAS INQUIRED ABOUT AN ABORTION
- 17 OR SCHEDULED AN ABORTION UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF THE 24-HOUR
- 18 PERIOD REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (3).
- 19 (10) $\overline{(7)}$ If the attending physician, utilizing his or her
- 20 experience, judgment, and professional competence, determines
- 21 that a medical emergency exists and necessitates performance of
- 22 an abortion before the requirements of subsections (1), (3), and
- 23 $\overline{(5)}$ (6) can be met, the physician is exempt from the require-
- 24 ments of subsections (1), (3), and $\frac{-(5)}{}$ (6), may perform the
- 25 abortion, and shall maintain a written record identifying with
- 26 specificity the medical factors upon which the determination of
- 27 the medical emergency is based.

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- 1 (11) (8) The department of public COMMUNITY health shall
- 2 do each of the following:
- 3 (a) Produce medically accurate depictions, ILLUSTRATIONS, OR
- 4 PHOTOGRAPHS of the development of a human fetus which reflect
- 5 THAT INDICATE BY SCALE the actual size of the fetus at 4-week
- 6 2-WEEK intervals from the fourth week through the twenty-eighth
- 7 week of gestation. , using curriculum materials from the
- 8 Michigan model for comprehensive school health education for
- 9 grade 6, phase IV, lesson 22 in use on January 1, 1992. Each
- 10 depiction, ILLUSTRATION, OR PHOTOGRAPH shall be accompanied by a
- 11 printed description, in nontechnical English, Aramaic ARABIC,
- 12 and Spanish, of the probable anatomical and physiological charac-
- 13 teristics of the fetus at that particular state of gestational
- 14 development.
- 15 (b) Develop SUBJECT TO SUBDIVISION (G), DEVELOP, draft,
- 16 and print, in nontechnical English, Aramaic ARABIC, and
- 17 Spanish, written standardized summaries, based upon the various
- 18 medical procedures used to abort pregnancies, that do each of the
- 19 following:
- 20 (i) Describe, individually and on separate documents, those
- 21 medical procedures used to perform abortions in this state that
- 22 are recognized by the department.
- (ii) Identify the physical complications that have been
- 24 associated with each procedure described in subparagraph (i) and
- 25 with live birth, as determined by the department. In identifying
- 26 these complications, the department shall consider the annual
- 27 statistical report required under section 2835(6). AND SHALL CONSIDER STUDIES CONCERNING COMPLICATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN A PEER REVIEW MEDICAL JOURNAL, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION PAID TO THE DESIGN OF THE STUDY, and shall

- 1 consult with the United States center FEDERAL CENTERS for
- 2 disease control, the American college of obstetricians and gyne-
- 3 cologists, the Michigan state medical society, or any other
- 4 source that the department determines appropriate FOR THE
- 5 PURPOSE.
- 6 (iii) State that as the result of an abortion, some women
- 7 may experience depression, feelings of guilt, sleep disturbance,
- 8 loss of interest in work or sex, or anger, and that if these
- 9 symptoms occur and are intense or persistent, professional help
- 10 is recommended.
- 11 (iv) State that not all of the <u>risks</u> COMPLICATIONS listed
- 12 in subparagraph (ii) may pertain to that particular patient and
- 13 refer the patient to her physician for more personalized
- 14 information.
- 15 (v) Identify services available through public agencies to
- 16 assist the patient during her pregnancy and after the birth of
- 17 her child, should she choose to give birth and maintain custody
- 18 of her child.
- 19 (vi) Identify services available through public agencies to
- 20 assist the patient in placing her child in an adoptive or foster
- 21 home, should she choose to give birth but not maintain custody of
- 22 her child.
- 23 (vii) Identify services available through public agencies to
- 24 assist the patient and provide counseling should she experience
- 25 subsequent adverse psychological effects from the abortion.
- (c) Develop, draft, and print, in nontechnical English,
- 27 Aramaic ARABIC, and Spanish, an acknowledgment and consent form

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- 1 ANY OF THE ABOVE LISTED DOCUMENTS WERE TRANSMITTED BY FACSIMILE,
- 2 I CERTIFY THAT THE DOCUMENTS WERE CLEAR AND LEGIBLE.
- 3 EDGE THAT THE PHYSICIAN WHO WILL PERFORM THE ABORTION HAS ORALLY
- 4 DESCRIBED ALL OF THE FOLLOWING TO ME:
- (i) THE SPECIFIC RISK TO ME, IF ANY, OF THE COMPLICATIONS 5
- 6 THAT HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROCEDURE I AM SCHEDULED TO
- 7 UNDERGO.
- 8 (ii) THE SPECIFIC RISK TO ME, IF ANY, OF THE COMPLICATIONS
- 9 IF I CHOOSE TO CONTINUE THE PREGNANCY.
- 10 I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE RECEIVED ALL OF THE FOLLOWING
- 11 INFORMATION:
- 12 (d) Information about what to do and whom to contact in the
- 13 event that complications arise from the abortion.
- 14 (e) Information pertaining to available pregnancy related
- 15 services.
- (f) A prenatal care and parenting information pamphlet. 16
- 17 I have been given an opportunity to ask questions about the
- 18 operation(s) or procedure(s). , and freely and voluntarily sign
- 19 this form I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE NOT BEEN REQUIRED TO MAKE ANY
- 20 PAYMENTS FOR AN ABORTION OR ANY ABORTION RELATED MEDICAL SERVICE
 BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF 24 HOURS AFTER I RECEIVED THE
 21 WRITTEN MATERIALS LISTED IN PARAGRAPHS (A), (B), AND (C) ABOVE,
- 22 OR 24 HOURS AFTER THE TIME AND DATE LISTED ON THE CONFIRMATION
- 23 FORM IF PARAGRAPHS (A), (B), AND (C) WERE VIEWED FROM THE INTER-
- 24 NET WEBSITE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (5).".
- 25 (d) Make available to physicians through the Michigan board
- 26 of medicine and the Michigan board of osteopathic medicine and

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- 1 surgery, all local health departments, and any person upon
- 2 request the copies of medically accurate depictions, ILLUSTRA-
- 3 TIONS, OR PHOTOGRAPHS described in subdivision (a), the standard-
- 4 ized written summaries described in subdivision (b), the acknowl-
- 5 edgment and consent form described in subdivision (c), the prena-
- 6 tal care and parenting information pamphlet described in section
- 7 9161, and the PREGNANCY certification form described in subdivi-
- 8 sion (f).
- 9 (e) Approve an alternative written summary or acknowledg-
- 10 ment and consent form submitted by a physician for department of
- 11 public health approval pursuant to this subsection, if the pro-
- 12 posed summary or acknowledgment and consent form contains infor-
- 13 mation substantially similar to the information described in sub-
- 14 divisions (b) and (c). THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT DEVELOP WRITTEN
- 15 SUMMARIES FOR ABORTION PROCEDURES UNDER SUBDIVISION (B) THAT UTI-
- 16 LIZE MEDICATION THAT HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES
- 17 FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR USE IN PERFORMING AN ABORTION.
- 18 (f) Develop, draft, and print a certification form to be
- 19 signed by a local health department representative at the time
- 20 and place a patient is provided the information described in
- 21 subsection (3) HAS A PREGNANCY CONFIRMED, as requested by the
- 22 patient, verifying the date and time the information is provided
- 23 to that patient PREGNANCY IS CONFIRMED.
- 24 (G) DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN AN INTERNET WEBSITE THAT ALLOWS A
- 25 PATIENT CONSIDERING AN ABORTION TO REVIEW THE INFORMATION
- 26 REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (3)(C) THROUGH (E). AFTER THE PATIENT
- 27 REVIEWS THE REQUIRED INFORMATION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ASSURE

- 1 THAT A CONFIRMATION FORM CAN BE PRINTED BY THE PATIENT FROM THE
- 2 INTERNET WEBSITE THAT WILL VERIFY THE TIME AND DATE THE INFORMA-
- 3 TION WAS REVIEWED. A CONFIRMATION FORM PRINTED UNDER THIS SUBDI-
- 4 VISION BECOMES INVALID 14 DAYS AFTER THE DATE AND TIME PRINTED ON
- 5 THE CONFIRMATION FORM.
- (12) (9) A physician's duty to inform the patient under
- 7 this section does not require disclosure of information beyond
- 8 what a reasonably well-qualified physician licensed under this
- 9 article would possess.
- 10 (13) $\overline{(10)}$ A written consent form meeting the requirements
- 11 set forth in this section and signed by the pregnant woman
- 12 PATIENT is presumed valid. The presumption created by this sub-
- 13 section may be rebutted by evidence that establishes, by a pre-
- 14 ponderance of the evidence, that consent was obtained through
- 15 fraud, negligence, deception, misrepresentation, coercion, or
- 16 duress.
- 17 (14) $\overline{(11)}$ A completed certification form described in sub-
- 18 section $\frac{(8)(f)}{(11)(F)}$ (11)(F) that is signed by a local health depart-
- 19 ment representative is presumed valid. The presumption created
- 20 by this subsection may be rebutted by evidence that establishes,
- 21 by a preponderance of the evidence, that the physician who relied
- 22 upon the certification had actual knowledge that the certificate
- 23 contained a false or misleading statement or signature.
- 24 (15) $\overline{(12)}$ This section does not create a right to
- 25 abortion.

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- 1 (16) $\overline{(13)}$ Notwithstanding any other provision of this
- 2 section, a person shall not perform an abortion that is
- 3 prohibited by law.
- 4 (17) $\frac{14}{1}$ If any portion of this act or the application of
- 5 this act to any person or circumstances is found invalid by a
- 6 court, that invalidity shall DOES not affect the remaining por-
- 7 tions or applications of the act which THAT can be given effect
- 8 without the invalid portion or application, provided IF those
- 9 remaining portions are not determined by the court to be
- 10 inoperable.
- 11 (18) (15) Upon an individual's A PATIENT'S request, each
- 12 local health department shall:
- 13 (a) Provide a pregnancy test for that <u>individual</u> PATIENT
- 14 TO CONFIRM THE PREGNANCY AS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (3)(A) and
- 15 determine the probable gestational stage of a confirmed
- 16 pregnancy THE FETUS. THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT NEED NOT
- 17 COMPLY WITH THIS SUBDIVISION IF THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION
- 18 (3)(A) HAVE ALREADY BEEN MET.
- (b) Preceded by an explanation that the individual has the
- 20 option to review or not review the written summaries, provide the
- 21 summaries described in subsection (8)(b) that are recognized by
- 22 the department as applicable to the individual's gestational
- 23 stage of pregnancy.
- (c) Preceded by an explanation that the individual has the
- 25 option to review or not review the depiction and description,
- 26 provide the individual with a copy of a medically accurate
- 27 depiction and description of a fetus described in subsection

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1 (8)(a) at the gestational age nearest the probable gestational

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- 2 age of the patient's fetus.
- (B) (d) Ensure IF A PREGNANCY IS CONFIRMED, ENSURE that 3
- 4 the individual PATIENT is provided with a completed PREGNANCY
- **5** certification form described in subsection $\frac{(8)(f)}{(11)(F)}$ at
- 6 the time the information is provided.
- 7 (19) $\overline{(16)}$ The identity and address of a patient who is
- 8 provided information or who consents to an abortion pursuant to
- 9 this section is confidential and is subject to disclosure only
- 10 with the consent of the patient OR BY JUDICIAL PROCESS.
- 11 (20) (17) The identity and address of a patient who is pro-
- 12 vided information or who consents to an abortion pursuant to this
- 13 section is confidential and is subject to disclosure only with
- 14 the consent of the patient or by judicial process. A local
- 15 health department with a file containing the identity and address
- 16 of a patient described in this subsection (19) who has been
- 17 assisted by the local health department under this section shall
- 18 do both of the following:
- 19 (a) Only release the identity and address of the patient to
- 20 a physician or qualified person assisting the physician in order
- 21 to verify the receipt of the information required under this
- 22 section.
- (b) Destroy the information containing the identity and 23
- 24 address of the patient within 30 days after assisting the patient
- 25 under this section.