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HOUSE BILL No. 5643

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

by amending sections 17015 and 17515 (MCL 333.17015 and 333.17515), as amended by 2012 PA 499, and by adding section 17015b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- Sec. 17015. (1) Subject to subsection (10), a physician shall not perform an abortion otherwise permitted by law without the patient's informed written consent, given freely and without coercion to abort.
 - (2) For purposes of this section and section SECTIONS 17015a

 AND 17015B:
 - (a) "Abortion" means the intentional use of an instrument, drug, or other substance or device to terminate a woman's pregnancy for a purpose other than to increase the probability of a live

- 1 birth, to preserve the life or health of the child after live
- 2 birth, or to remove a fetus that has died as a result of natural
- 3 causes, accidental trauma, or a criminal assault on the pregnant
- 4 woman. Abortion does not include the use or prescription of a drug
- 5 or device intended as a contraceptive OR ANY MEDICAL TREATMENT OF A
- 6 WOMAN WHO IS EXPERIENCING A MISCARRIAGE OR HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH
- 7 AN EXTRAUTERINE PREGNANCY.
- 8 (b) "Coercion to abort" means an act committed with the intent
- 9 to coerce an individual to have an abortion. , which act is
- 10 prohibited by section 213a of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328,
- 11 MCL 750.213a.
- 12 (c) "Domestic violence" means that term as defined in section
- 13 1 of 1978 PA 389, MCL 400.1501.
- 14 (d) "Fetus" means an individual organism of the species homo
- 15 sapiens in utero.
- 16 (e) "Local health department representative" means a person
- 17 who meets 1 or more of the licensing requirements listed in
- 18 subdivision (h) and who is employed by, or under contract to
- 19 provide services on behalf of, a local health department.
- 20 (f) "Medical emergency" means that A condition which, THAT, on
- 21 the basis of the physician's good faith clinical judgment, so
- 22 complicates the medical condition of a pregnant woman as to
- 23 necessitate the immediate abortion of her pregnancy to avert her
- 24 death or for which a delay will create serious risk of substantial
- 25 and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function.
- 26 (g) "Medical service" means the provision of a treatment,
- 27 procedure, medication, examination, diagnostic test, assessment, or

- 1 counseling, including, but not limited to, a pregnancy test,
- 2 ultrasound, pelvic examination, or an abortion.
- 3 (h) "Qualified person assisting the physician" means another
- 4 physician or a physician's assistant licensed under this part or
- 5 part 175, a fully licensed or limited licensed psychologist
- 6 licensed under part 182, a professional counselor licensed under
- 7 part 181, a registered professional nurse or a licensed practical
- 8 nurse licensed under part 172, or a social worker licensed under
- **9** part 185.
- 10 (i) "Probable gestational age of the fetus" means the
- 11 gestational age of the fetus at the time an abortion is planned to
- 12 be performed.
- 13 (j) "Provide the patient with a physical copy" means
- 14 confirming that the patient accessed the internet website described
- 15 in subsection (5) and received a printed valid confirmation form
- 16 from the website and including that form in the patient's medical
- 17 record or giving a patient a copy of a required document by 1 or
- 18 more of the following means:
- 19 (i) In person.
- 20 (ii) By registered mail, return receipt requested.
- 21 (iii) By parcel delivery service that requires the recipient to
- 22 provide a signature in order to receive delivery of a parcel.
- 23 (iv) By facsimile transmission.
- 24 (3) Subject to subsection (10), a physician or a qualified
- 25 person assisting the physician shall do all of the following not
- 26 less than 24 hours before that physician performs an abortion upon
- 27 a patient who is a pregnant woman:

- 1 (a) Confirm that, according to the best medical judgment of a
- 2 physician, the patient is pregnant, and determine the probable
- 3 gestational age of the fetus.
- 4 (b) Orally describe, in language designed to be understood by
- 5 the patient, taking into account her age, level of maturity, and
- 6 intellectual capability, each of the following:
- 7 (i) The probable gestational age of the fetus she is carrying.
- 8 (ii) Information about what to do and whom to contact should
- 9 medical complications arise from the abortion.
- 10 (iii) Information about how to obtain pregnancy prevention
- 11 information through the department of community health.
- 12 (c) Provide the patient with a physical copy of the written
- 13 standardized summary described in subsection (11)(b) that
- 14 corresponds to the procedure the patient will undergo and is
- 15 provided by the department of community health. If the procedure
- 16 has not been recognized by the department, but is otherwise allowed
- 17 under Michigan law, and the department has not provided a written
- 18 standardized summary for that procedure, the physician shall
- 19 develop and provide a written summary that describes the procedure,
- 20 any known risks or complications of the procedure, and risks
- 21 associated with live birth and meets the requirements of subsection
- **22** (11) (b) (*iii*) through (*vii*).
- 23 (d) Provide the patient with a physical copy of a medically
- 24 accurate depiction, illustration, or photograph and description of
- 25 a fetus supplied by the department of community health pursuant to
- 26 subsection (11)(a) at the gestational age nearest the probable
- 27 gestational age of the patient's fetus.

- 1 (e) Provide the patient with a physical copy of the prenatal
- 2 care and parenting information pamphlet distributed by the
- 3 department of community health under section 9161.
- 4 (f) Provide the patient with a physical copy of the
- 5 prescreening summary on prevention of coercion to abort described
- 6 in subsection (11)(i).
- 7 (4) The requirements of subsection (3) may be fulfilled by the
- 8 physician or a qualified person assisting the physician at a
- 9 location other than the health facility where the abortion is to be
- 10 performed. The requirement of subsection (3)(a) that a patient's
- 11 pregnancy be confirmed may be fulfilled by a local health
- 12 department under subsection (18). The requirements of subsection
- 13 (3) cannot be fulfilled by the patient accessing an internet
- 14 website other than the internet website that is maintained and
- operated by the department under subsection (11)(g).
- 16 (5) The requirements of subsection (3)(c) through (f) may be
- 17 fulfilled by a patient accessing the internet website that is
- 18 maintained and operated by the department under subsection (11)(g)
- 19 and receiving a printed, valid confirmation form from the website
- 20 that the patient has reviewed the information required in
- 21 subsection (3)(c) through (f) at least 24 hours before an abortion
- 22 being performed on the patient. The website shall not require any
- 23 information be supplied by the patient. The department shall not
- 24 track, compile, or otherwise keep a record of information that
- 25 would identify a patient who accesses this website. The patient
- 26 shall supply the valid confirmation form to the physician or
- 27 qualified person assisting the physician to be included in the

- 1 patient's medical record to comply with this subsection.
- 2 (6) Subject to subsection (10), before obtaining the patient's
- 3 signature on the acknowledgment and consent form DESCRIBED IN
- 4 SUBSECTION (11)(C), a physician personally and in the presence of
- 5 the patient shall do all of the following:
- 6 (a) Provide the patient with the physician's name, confirm
- 7 with the patient that the coercion to abort screening required
- 8 under section 17015a was performed, and inform the patient of her
- 9 right to withhold or withdraw her consent to the abortion at any
- 10 time before performance of the abortion.
- 11 (b) Orally describe, in language designed to be understood by
- 12 the patient, taking into account her age, level of maturity, and
- 13 intellectual capability, each of the following:
- 14 (i) The specific risk, if any, to the patient of the
- 15 complications that have been associated with the procedure the
- 16 patient will undergo, based on the patient's particular medical
- 17 condition and history as determined by the physician.
- 18 (ii) The specific risk of complications, if any, to the patient
- 19 if she chooses to continue the pregnancy based on the patient's
- 20 particular medical condition and history as determined by a
- 21 physician.
- 22 (7) To protect a patient's privacy, the information set forth
- 23 in subsection (3) and subsection (6) shall not be disclosed to the
- 24 patient in the presence of another patient.
- 25 (8) If at any time before the performance of an abortion, a
- 26 patient undergoes an ultrasound examination, or a physician
- 27 determines that ultrasound imaging will be used during the course

- 1 of a patient's abortion, the physician or qualified person
- 2 assisting the physician shall provide the patient with the
- 3 opportunity to view or decline to view an active ultrasound image
- 4 of the fetus, and offer to provide the patient with a physical
- 5 picture of the ultrasound image of the fetus before the performance
- 6 of the abortion. After the expiration of the 24-hour period
- 7 prescribed under subsection (3) but before performing an abortion
- 8 on a patient who is a pregnant woman, a physician or a qualified
- 9 person assisting the physician shall do all of the following:
- 10 (a) Obtain the patient's signature on the acknowledgment and
- 11 consent form described in subsection (11)(c) confirming that she
- 12 has received the information required under subsection (3).
- 13 (b) Provide the patient with a physical copy of the signed
- 14 acknowledgment and consent form described in subsection (11)(c).
- 15 (c) Retain a copy of the signed acknowledgment and consent
- 16 form described in subsection (11)(c) and, if applicable, a copy of
- 17 the pregnancy certification form completed under subsection
- 18 (18)(b), in the patient's medical record.
- 19 (9) This subsection does not prohibit notifying the patient
- 20 that payment for medical services will be required or that
- 21 collection of payment in full for all medical services provided or
- 22 planned may be demanded after the 24-hour period described in this
- 23 subsection has expired. A physician or an agent of the physician
- 24 shall not collect payment, in whole or in part, for a medical
- 25 service provided to or planned for a patient before the expiration
- 26 of 24 hours from the time the patient has done either or both of
- 27 the following, except in the case of a physician or an agent of a

- 1 physician receiving capitated payments or under a salary
- 2 arrangement for providing those medical services:
- 3 (a) Inquired about obtaining an abortion after her pregnancy
- 4 is confirmed and she has received from that physician or a
- 5 qualified person assisting the physician the information required
- 6 under subsection (3)(c) and (d).
- 7 (b) Scheduled an abortion to be performed by that physician.
- 8 (10) If the attending physician, utilizing his or her
- 9 experience, judgment, and professional competence, determines that
- 10 a medical emergency exists and necessitates performance of an
- 11 abortion before the requirements of subsections (1), (3), and (6)
- 12 can be met, the physician is exempt from the requirements of
- 13 subsections (1), (3), and (6), may perform the abortion, and shall
- 14 maintain a written record identifying with specificity the medical
- 15 factors upon which the determination of the medical emergency is
- 16 based.
- 17 (11) The department of community health shall do each of the
- 18 following:
- 19 (a) Produce medically accurate depictions, illustrations, or
- 20 photographs of the development of a human fetus that indicate by
- 21 scale the actual size of the fetus at 2-week intervals from the
- 22 fourth week through the twenty-eighth week of gestation. Each
- 23 depiction, illustration, or photograph shall be accompanied by a
- 24 printed description, in nontechnical English, Arabic, and Spanish,
- 25 of the probable anatomical and physiological characteristics of the
- 26 fetus at that particular state of gestational development.
- 27 (b) Subject to subdivision (e), develop, draft, and print, in

- 1 nontechnical English, Arabic, and Spanish, written standardized
- 2 summaries, based upon the various medical procedures used to abort
- 3 pregnancies, that do each of the following:
- 4 (i) Describe, individually and on separate documents, those
- 5 medical procedures used to perform abortions in this state that are
- 6 recognized by the department.
- 7 (ii) Identify the physical complications that have been
- 8 associated with each procedure described in subparagraph (i) and
- 9 with live birth, as determined by the department. In identifying
- 10 these complications, the department shall consider the annual
- 11 statistical report required under section 2835, and shall consider
- 12 studies concerning complications that have been published in a peer
- 13 review medical journal, with particular attention paid to the
- 14 design of the study, and shall consult with the federal centers for
- 15 disease control and prevention, the American congress of
- 16 obstetricians and gynecologists, the Michigan state medical
- 17 society, or any other source that the department determines
- 18 appropriate for the purpose.
- 19 (iii) State that as the result of an abortion, some women may
- 20 experience depression, feelings of guilt, sleep disturbance, loss
- 21 of interest in work or sex, or anger, and that if these symptoms
- 22 occur and are intense or persistent, professional help is
- 23 recommended.
- (iv) State that not all of the complications listed in
- 25 subparagraph (ii) may pertain to that particular patient and refer
- 26 the patient to her physician for more personalized information.
- 27 (v) Identify services available through public agencies to

- 1 assist the patient during her pregnancy and after the birth of her
- 2 child, should she choose to give birth and maintain custody of her
- 3 child.
- 4 (vi) Identify services available through public agencies to
- 5 assist the patient in placing her child in an adoptive or foster
- 6 home, should she choose to give birth but not maintain custody of
- 7 her child.
- 8 (vii) Identify services available through public agencies to
- 9 assist the patient and provide counseling should she experience
- 10 subsequent adverse psychological effects from the abortion.
- 11 (c) Develop, draft, and print, in nontechnical English,
- 12 Arabic, and Spanish, an acknowledgment and consent form that
- 13 includes only the following language above a signature line for the
- 14 patient:
- "I, ______ , voluntarily and willfully
- 16 hereby authorize Dr. _____ ("the physician") and any
- 17 assistant designated by the physician to perform upon me the
- 18 following operation(s) or procedure(s):
- _____
- 20 (Name of operation(s) or procedure(s))
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- A. I understand that I am approximately ____ weeks pregnant.
- 23 I consent to an abortion procedure to terminate my pregnancy. I
- 24 understand that I have the right to withdraw my consent to the
- 25 abortion procedure at any time before performance of that
- 26 procedure.
- 27 B. I understand that it is illegal for anyone to coerce me

- 1 into seeking an abortion.
- 2 C. I acknowledge that at least 24 hours before the scheduled
- 3 abortion I have received a physical copy of each of the following:
- 4 1. A medically accurate depiction, illustration, or photograph
- 5 of a fetus at the probable gestational age of the fetus I am
- 6 carrying.
- 7 2. A written description of the medical procedure that will be
- 8 used to perform the abortion.
- 9 3. A prenatal care and parenting information pamphlet.
- 10 D. If any of the documents listed in paragraph C were
- 11 transmitted by facsimile, I certify that the documents were clear
- 12 and legible.
- E. I acknowledge that the physician who will perform the
- 14 abortion has orally described all of the following to me:
- 1. The specific risk to me, if any, of the complications that
- 16 have been associated with the procedure I am scheduled to undergo.
- 17 2. The specific risk to me, if any, of the complications if I
- 18 choose to continue the pregnancy.
- 19 F. I acknowledge that I have received all of the following
- 20 information:
- 1. Information about what to do and whom to contact in the
- 22 event that complications arise from the abortion.
- 2. Information pertaining to available pregnancy related
- 24 services.
- 25 G. I have been given an opportunity to ask questions about the
- 26 operation(s) or procedure(s).
- 27 H. I certify that I have not been required to make any

- 1 payments for an abortion or any medical service before the
- 2 expiration of 24 hours after I received the written materials
- 3 listed in paragraph C, or 24 hours after the time and date listed
- 4 on the confirmation form if the information described in paragraph
- 5 C was viewed from the state of Michigan internet website.".
- 6 (d) Make available to physicians through the Michigan board of
- 7 medicine and the Michigan board of osteopathic medicine and
- 8 surgery, and to any person upon request, the copies of medically
- 9 accurate depictions, illustrations, or photographs described in
- 10 subdivision (a), the written standardized summaries described in
- 11 subdivision (b), the acknowledgment and consent form described in
- 12 subdivision (c), the prenatal care and parenting information
- 13 pamphlet described in section 9161, the pregnancy certification
- 14 form described in subdivision (f), and the materials regarding
- 15 coercion to abort described in subdivision (i).
- 16 (e) The department shall not develop—IN DEVELOPING THE written
- 17 standardized summaries for abortion procedures under subdivision
- 18 (b), that utilize—INCLUDE IN THE SUMMARIES ONLY medication that has
- 19 not been approved by the United States food and drug administration
- 20 for use in performing an abortion.
- 21 (f) Develop, draft, and print a certification form to be
- 22 signed by a local health department representative at the time and
- 23 place a patient has a pregnancy confirmed, as requested by the
- 24 patient, verifying the date and time the pregnancy is confirmed.
- 25 (q) Develop, operate, and maintain an internet website that
- 26 allows a patient considering an abortion to review the information
- 27 required in subsection (3)(c) through (f). After the patient

- 1 reviews the required information, the department shall assure that
- 2 a confirmation form can be printed by the patient from the internet
- 3 website that will verify the time and date the information was
- 4 reviewed. A confirmation form printed under this subdivision
- 5 becomes invalid 14 days after the date and time printed on the
- 6 confirmation form.
- 7 (h) Include on the informed consent internet website operated
- 8 under subdivision (g) a list of health care providers, facilities,
- 9 and clinics that offer to perform ultrasounds free of charge. The
- 10 list shall be organized geographically and shall include the name,
- 11 address, and telephone number of each health care provider,
- 12 facility, and clinic.
- 13 (i) After considering the standards and recommendations of the
- 14 joint commission on accreditation of healthcare organizations, the
- 15 Michigan domestic and sexual violence prevention and treatment
- 16 board, the Michigan coalition to end domestic and sexual violence
- 17 or successor organization, and the American medical association, do
- 18 all of the following:
- 19 (i) Develop, draft, and print or make available in printable
- 20 format, in nontechnical English, Arabic, and Spanish, a notice that
- 21 is required to be posted in facilities and clinics under section
- 22 17015a. The notice shall be at least 8-1/2 inches by 14 inches,
- 23 shall be printed in at least 44-point type, and shall contain at a
- 24 minimum all of the following:
- 25 (A) A statement that it is illegal under Michigan law to
- 26 coerce a woman to have an abortion.
- 27 (B) A statement that help is available if a woman is being

- 1 threatened or intimidated; is being physically, emotionally, or
- 2 sexually harmed; or feels afraid for any reason.
- 3 (C) The telephone number of at least 1 domestic violence
- 4 hotline and 1 sexual assault hotline.
- 5 (ii) Develop, draft, and print or make available in printable
- 6 format, in nontechnical English, Arabic, and Spanish, a
- 7 prescreening summary on prevention of coercion to abort that, at a
- 8 minimum, contains the information required under subparagraph (i)
- 9 and notifies the patient that an oral screening for coercion to
- 10 abort will be conducted before her giving written consent to obtain
- 11 an abortion.
- 12 (iii) Develop, draft, and print screening and training tools and
- 13 accompanying training materials to be utilized by a physician or
- 14 qualified person assisting the physician while performing the
- 15 coercion to abort screening required under section 17015a. The
- 16 screening tools shall instruct the physician or qualified person
- 17 assisting the physician to orally communicate information to the
- 18 patient regarding coercion to abort and to document the findings
- 19 from the coercion to abort screening in the patient's medical
- 20 record.
- 21 (iv) Develop, draft, and print protocols and accompanying
- 22 training materials to be utilized by a physician or a qualified
- 23 person assisting the physician if a patient discloses coercion to
- 24 abort or that domestic violence is occurring, or both, during the
- 25 coercion to abort screening. The protocols shall instruct the
- 26 physician or qualified person assisting the physician to do, at a
- 27 minimum, all of the following:

- 1 (A) Follow the requirements of section 17015a as applicable.
- 2 (B) Assess the patient's current level of danger.
- 3 (C) Explore safety options with the patient.
- 4 (D) Provide referral information to the patient regarding law
- 5 enforcement and domestic violence and sexual assault support
- 6 organizations.
- 7 (E) Document any referrals in the patient's medical record.
- 8 (12) A physician's duty to inform the patient under this
- 9 section does not require disclosure of information beyond what a
- 10 reasonably well-qualified physician licensed under this article
- 11 would possess.
- 12 (13) A written consent form meeting the requirements set forth
- 13 in this section and signed by the patient is presumed valid. The
- 14 presumption created by this subsection may be rebutted by evidence
- 15 that establishes, by a preponderance of the evidence, that consent
- 16 was obtained through fraud, negligence, deception,
- 17 misrepresentation, coercion, or duress.
- 18 (14) A completed certification form described in subsection
- 19 (11)(f) that is signed by a local health department representative
- 20 is presumed valid. The presumption created by this subsection may
- 21 be rebutted by evidence that establishes, by a preponderance of the
- 22 evidence, that the physician who relied upon the certification had
- 23 actual knowledge that the certificate contained a false or
- 24 misleading statement or signature.
- 25 (15) This section does not create a right to abortion.
- 26 (16) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a
- 27 person shall not perform an abortion that is prohibited by law.

- 1 (17) If any portion of this act or the application of this act
- 2 to any person or circumstances is found invalid by a court, that
- 3 invalidity does not affect the remaining portions or applications
- 4 of the act that can be given effect without the invalid portion or
- 5 application, if those remaining portions are not determined by the
- 6 court to be inoperable.
- 7 (18) Upon a patient's request, each local health department
- 8 shall:
- 9 (a) Provide a pregnancy test for that patient to confirm the
- 10 pregnancy as required under subsection (3)(a) and determine the
- 11 probable gestational stage of the fetus. The local health
- 12 department need not comply with this subdivision if the
- 13 requirements of subsection (3)(a) have already been met.
- 14 (b) If a pregnancy is confirmed, ensure that the patient is
- 15 provided with a completed pregnancy certification form described in
- 16 subsection (11)(f) at the time the information is provided.
- 17 (19) The identity and address of a patient who is provided
- 18 information or who consents to an abortion pursuant to this section
- 19 is confidential and is subject to disclosure only with the consent
- 20 of the patient or by judicial process.
- 21 (20) A local health department with a file containing the
- 22 identity and address of a patient described in subsection (19) who
- 23 has been assisted by the local health department under this section
- 24 shall do both of the following:
- 25 (a) Only release the identity and address of the patient to a
- 26 physician or qualified person assisting the physician in order to
- 27 verify the receipt of the information required under this section.

- 1 (b) Destroy the information containing the identity and
- 2 address of the patient within 30 days after assisting the patient
- 3 under this section.
- 4 SEC. 17015B. (1) EXCEPT WHEN A MEDICAL EMERGENCY EXISTS THAT
- 5 PREVENTS COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION, A PHYSICIAN SHALL NOT
- 6 PERFORM AN ABORTION ON A PREGNANT WOMAN BEFORE DETERMINING, IN
- 7 ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD MEDICAL PRACTICE, WHETHER EVIDENCE OF A
- 8 FETAL HEARTBEAT HAS BEEN DETECTED IN THE FETUS THE PREGNANT WOMAN
- 9 IS CARRYING, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PERFORMS AN ABORTION IN A MEDICAL
- 10 EMERGENCY WITHOUT DETERMINING WHETHER THE FETUS HAS A DETECTABLE
- 11 HEARTBEAT SHALL NOTE IN THE PREGNANT WOMAN'S MEDICAL RECORD THE
- 12 SPECIFIC NATURE OF THE MEDICAL EMERGENCY THAT EXISTED. COMPLIANCE
- 13 WITH THIS SECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE THE USE OF AN INTRAVAGINAL
- 14 DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE.
- 15 (2) IF DURING THE EXAMINATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (1)
- 16 EVIDENCE OF A FETAL HEARTBEAT IS DETECTED, THE PHYSICIAN OR A
- 17 QUALIFIED PERSON ASSISTING THE PHYSICIAN SHALL DO ALL OF THE
- 18 FOLLOWING:
- 19 (A) OFFER TO THE PREGNANT WOMAN THE OPTION OF HEARING OR
- 20 SEEING THE EVIDENCE OF THE FETAL HEARTBEAT.
- 21 (B) INFORM THE PREGNANT WOMAN OF THE PROBABILITY OF
- 22 MAINTAINING THE PREGNANCY VERSUS EXPERIENCING A MISCARRIAGE, GIVEN
- 23 THE STAGE OF PREGNANCY AND OTHER FACTORS KNOWN TO AFFECT THE
- 24 POSSIBILITY OF A MISCARRIAGE.
- 25 (3) IF THE EXAMINATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (1) DOES NOT
- 26 PRODUCE EVIDENCE OF A FETAL HEARTBEAT, THE PHYSICIAN OR A QUALIFIED
- 27 PERSON ASSISTING THE PHYSICIAN SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING THAT

- 1 APPLY:
- 2 (A) ADVISE THE PREGNANT WOMAN OF THE PHYSICIAN'S
- 3 RECOMMENDATION EITHER TO IMMEDIATELY PERFORM AN ADDITIONAL
- 4 DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE OR PROCEDURES THAT MAY DETECT A FETAL
- 5 HEARTBEAT OR TO DELAY UNTIL A LATER DATE PERFORMING A DIAGNOSTIC
- 6 PROCEDURE TO DETERMINE IF THE FETUS IS PHYSICALLY DEVELOPING.
- 7 (B) IF THE FETUS HAS BEEN VISIBLY IDENTIFIED BUT IS NOT
- 8 EXHIBITING A HEARTBEAT OR OTHER SIGNS OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, ADVISE
- 9 THE PREGNANT WOMAN THAT A PROCEDURE TO REMOVE A FETUS THAT HAS DIED
- 10 IS NOT CONSIDERED AN ABORTION UNDER LAW AND INFORM THE PREGNANT
- 11 WOMAN OF THE RELATIVE RISKS AND BENEFITS OF DIFFERENT MEANS OF
- 12 TERMINATING THE PREGNANCY, INCLUDING MEDICAL INDUCEMENT, A SURGICAL
- 13 PROCEDURE, OR ALLOWING A MISCARRIAGE TO OCCUR SPONTANEOUSLY.
- 14 Sec. 17515. A physician, before performing an abortion on a
- 15 patient, shall comply with sections 17015 and 17015a.TO 17015B.

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