
SENATE BILL No. 173

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-34-2-1.3.

Synopsis: Abortion requirements. Requires a health care provider to provide a pregnant woman with information regarding the availability of ultrasound imaging and auscultation of heart tones of a fetus before performing an abortion on the pregnant woman.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-34-2-1.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2003]: **Sec. 1.3. (a) In addition to the information that must be**
4 **provided under section 1.1 of this chapter in order for consent to**
5 **be voluntary and informed, at least eighteen (18) hours before the**
6 **abortion, the pregnant woman must be orally informed of the**
7 **following by any of the health care providers described in section**
8 **1.1(1) of this chapter:**
9 (1) **The availability of fetal ultrasound imaging and**
10 **auscultation of fetal heart tone services to enable the pregnant**
11 **woman to view the image and hear the heartbeat of the fetus.**
12 (2) **How to access the services described in subdivision (1).**
13 (b) **Before the abortion is performed, the pregnant woman must**
14 **certify in writing that the information required by subsection (a)**
15 **has been provided.**

