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An Act to Regulate Medication Abortions

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GRIFFIN of Levant.

Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINS of Sidney, GIFFORD of Lincoln, JAVNER of Chester, MASON of Lisbon, PAUL of Winterport, SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico, THORNE of Carmel.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1598-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§1598-A. Medication abortions**

4 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the
5 following terms have the following meanings.

6 A. "Abortion" has the same meaning as in section 1598, subsection 2, paragraph A.

7 B. "Health care professional" has the same meaning as in section 1596, subsection 1,
8 paragraph C.

9 C. "Medication abortion" means an abortion resulting from the ingestion of a chemical
10 agent or drug.

11 **2. Medication abortions.** The following provisions apply to medication abortions.

12 A. A person may not purchase or obtain through online sources a chemical agent or
13 drug used for medication abortions.

14 B. A person opting to undergo a medication abortion must obtain a prescription from
15 a health care professional for a chemical agent or drug to be used for a medication
16 abortion, and that health care professional shall oversee the medication abortion in
17 person.

18 C. A health care professional overseeing a medication abortion shall inform the patient:

19 (1) Of the steps involved in the medication abortion;

20 (2) What the patient will experience following ingestion of the chemical agent or
21 drug for the medication abortion;

22 (3) Of any physical, emotional or spiritual risk of undergoing the medication
23 abortion; and

24 (4) Of any chemical agent, drug or other means by which the medication abortion
25 may be reversed.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill regulates medication abortions, which are abortions resulting from the
28 ingestion of a chemical agent or drug. The bill:

29 1. Prohibits purchasing or obtaining through online sources a chemical agent or drug
30 used for medication abortions;

31 2. Requires a person opting to undergo a medication abortion to obtain a chemical agent
32 or drug through a prescription from a licensed health care professional and requires that
33 licensed health care professional to oversee the abortion in person; and

34 3. Requires the licensed health care professional to inform the patient:

35 A. Of the physical steps involved in the medication abortion;

36 B. What the patient will experience as a result of ingesting the chemical agent or drug;

37 C. Of any physical, emotional or spiritual risks of undergoing the medication abortion;
38 and

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D. Of any chemical agent, drug or other means by which the medication abortion may be reversed.