

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 887

H. P. 680

House of Representatives, February 14, 1973

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Berube of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Reporting of Data of Abortions Performed by an
Attending Physician.

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

R. S., T. 22, c. 266, additional. Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 266 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 266

ABORTION DATA

§ 1611. Reporting of abortions performed by an attending physician

The attending physician, at the time of an abortion of a pregnant female, shall obtain and record in writing the following information and data within 24 hours after said abortion: The weight in grams of the fetus aborted; the measurements in centimeters of the fetus aborted, crown to rump, sitting height; the medical procedure used to abort the fetus; and the given menstrual age of the fetus. Said information and data shall be filed and certified by the said attending physician with the clerk of the municipality where the said abortion occurred, within 3 days after said abortion.

§ 1612. Abortion defined

For the purposes of this chapter, the reference to the word "abortion" shall mean the interruption of the pregnancy of a female, whether spontaneously or induced by the application of external agents, whether chemical or physical.

§ 1613. Penalty

Any physician who fails to perform the duty imposed by this chapter within the time limit shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$20 and not more than \$50.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide for a reporting system of all abortions performed by physicians within the State and to provide such information to the Department of Health and Welfare and municipalities. The department will use such records to aid it in providing proper maternal health regulations for all licensed hospitals where abortions will be performed.