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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " B " to S. P. 484, L.D. 1482, Bill,
"AN ACT to Insure that Informed Consent is Obtained before
an Elective Abortion is Performed."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title and
inserting in its place the following:

'AN ACT to Insure that Informed Consent is Obtained before
an Abortion is Performed.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out everything after
the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'22 MRSA §1597 is enacted to read:

§1597. Informed consent to abortion

1. Informed consent. In order to insure that the consent
for an abortion is truly informed consent, the attending
physician shall inform the woman in a manner which, in his professional
judgment, is not misleading and which will be understood by
the patient, of at least the following:

A. According to his best judgment she is pregnant;

B. The number of weeks elapsed from the probable time
of the conception;

C. The particular risks associated with her own pregnancy
and the abortion technique to be performed; and

D. Alternatives to abortion such as childbirth and adoption and information concerning public and private agencies that will provide the woman with economic and other assistance to carry the fetus to term, including, if the woman so requests, a list of these agencies and the services available from each.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment removes several inflammatory and unnecessary items in the bill, including specific items which the physician was required to include in his request to his patient. The amendment retains those elements of the bill that will insure that a woman's consent to an abortion is truly informed. The amendment also clarifies the language of the bill.

Reported by One member of the Committee on Judiciary in Report "C".

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