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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 511, L.D. 760, Bill, "An Act Regarding Informed Consent to an Abortion"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1599-A, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 61, §4, is amended to read:

2. Informed consent. To ensure that the consent for an abortion is truly informed consent, the attending physician shall inform the woman, in a manner that in the physician's professional judgment is not misleading and that will be understood by the patient, of at least the following:

- A. According to the physician's 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. At the woman's request, 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; and
- E. The woman's undeniable right to see an ultrasound if an ultrasound was taken and the woman requests to see it.

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SUMMARY

This amendment requires a physician to inform a pregnant woman of an undeniable right to see an ultrasound if an ultrasound was taken and removes from the bill all other changes to current law.

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