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House of Representatives, March 8, 2021

An Act To Ensure Women Are Informed of Abortion Pill Reversal

Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services 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: ARATA of New Gloucester, CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, DOLLOFF of Milton Township, DUCHARME of Madison, GRIGNON of Athens, KINNEY of Knox, MASON of Lisbon, O'CONNOR of Berwick.

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

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

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

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

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

12 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §1599-A, sub-§2, ¶E** is enacted to read:

13 E. If the woman is seeking an abortion by using an abortion-inducing drug, that it may
14 be possible to reverse the effects of an abortion-inducing drug with medication and
15 treatment. The health care professional shall document in a record that the information
16 has been provided to the woman, and the woman shall sign the record indicating that
17 she has received the information.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill amends the abortion informed consent laws to require the health care
20 professional to tell the pregnant woman that it may be possible to reverse the effects of an
21 abortion-inducing drug with medication and treatment. The health care professional is
22 required to make a record indicating the information was provided, and the woman is
23 required to sign the record to show that she received the information.