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130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 900, L.D. 1229, "An Act To Require Certain Medical Providers To Administer Ultrasounds and Provide Information to Certain Pregnant Patients"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Include the Offer of the Administration of an Ultrasound as Part of Informed Consent to Abortion'

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

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

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

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

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

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

E. At the woman's request, an ultrasound may be administered. For purposes of this section, "ultrasound" means the use of ultrasonic waves for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes and to monitor a developing fetus.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It replaces the bill. It requires the health care practitioner who provides the information to a pregnant woman to ensure that when she is consenting to an abortion that the consent is informed, to inform her that, at her request, an ultrasound may be administered.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



Approved: 06/01/21 *MBC*

130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1229

LR 1150(02)

An Act To Require Certain Medical Providers To Administer Ultrasounds and Provide Information to Certain Pregnant Patients

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *ACH-672*

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires the health care practitioner who provides information to a pregnant woman to ensure that when she is consenting to an abortion that the consent is informed and to inform her that, at her request, an ultrasound may be administered. If the woman decides to get an ultrasound, this could lead to additional costs in the MaineCare program. As it is unknown how many women would request this ultrasound and how many of them would be on MaineCare, no estimate of the cost is made at this time.