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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to medical abortions and providing penalties.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 146A.1 Medical abortions —
2 restrictions — in-person administration — penalties.

3 1. For the purpose of this section:

4 a. "Medical abortion" means the use of a medication
5 including but not limited to mifepristone or ulipristal acetate
6 to terminate a pregnancy.

7 b. "Physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine
8 and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery pursuant to
9 chapter 148.

10 2. a. Only a physician shall prescribe, dispense, or
11 administer any medication for the purpose of inducing a medical
12 abortion.

13 b. Any physician prescribing, dispensing, or administering
14 a medication for the purpose of inducing a medical abortion
15 shall also comply with all federal regulations relating to the
16 prescribing, dispensing, and administering of such medication.

17 c. A physician shall only administer a medication for
18 the purpose of inducing a medical abortion in person and in
19 a clinic or hospital with the capacity to provide surgical
20 intervention in cases resulting in an incomplete abortion or
21 severe bleeding.

22 3. A physician who knowingly performs a medical abortion in
23 violation of this section is guilty of a serious misdemeanor
24 and is subject to revocation of licensure pursuant to chapter
25 148.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill defines "medical abortion" as the use of a
28 medication including but not limited to mifepristone or
29 ulipristal acetate to terminate a pregnancy. The bill provides
30 that only a physician shall prescribe, dispense, or administer
31 any medication for the purpose of inducing a medical abortion.
32 Additionally, the bill requires that any physician prescribing,
33 dispensing, or administering a medication for the purpose of
34 inducing a medical abortion shall comply with all federal
35 regulations relating to such medication; and a physician shall

1 only administer a medication for the purpose of inducing a
2 medical abortion in person and in a clinic or hospital with the
3 capacity to provide surgical intervention in cases resulting in
4 an incomplete abortion or severe bleeding.

5 A physician who knowingly performs a medical abortion in
6 violation of the bill is guilty of a serious misdemeanor and
7 is subject to revocation of licensure pursuant to Code chapter
8 148. A serious misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no
9 more than one year or a fine of at least \$315 but not more than
10 \$1,875, or by both.