

House File 573 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 58)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing prerequisites to the performance of an
2 abortion.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 146A.1 Prerequisites for abortion.

2 1. A physician performing an abortion shall certify in
3 the woman's medical record all of the following prior to the
4 performance of an abortion:

5 a. That the woman has undergone an ultrasound imaging of the
6 fetus.

7 b. That the woman is given the opportunity to view the
8 ultrasound image of the fetus.

9 c. That the woman is given the option of hearing a
10 description of the ultrasound image and hearing the heartbeat
11 of the fetus.

12 2. A physician who does not comply with this section is
13 subject to license discipline pursuant to section 148.6.

14 3. For the purposes of this section, "abortion" means
15 abortion as defined in section 146.1.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill requires that prior to performing an abortion,
20 a physician must certify in the woman's medical record that
21 the woman has undergone an ultrasound imaging of the fetus;
22 that the woman is given the opportunity to view the ultrasound
23 image of the fetus; and that the woman is given the option of
24 hearing a description of the ultrasound image and hearing the
25 heartbeat of the fetus. A physician who does not comply with
26 the requirements is subject to license discipline under Code
27 section 148.6, which may include a civil penalty not to exceed
28 \$10,000.