

Senate File 11 - Introduced

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

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

1 inducing a medical abortion shall comply with all federal
2 regulations relating to such medication; and a physician shall
3 only administer a medication for the purpose of inducing a
4 medical abortion in person and in a clinic or hospital with the
5 capacity to provide surgical intervention in cases resulting in
6 an incomplete abortion or severe bleeding.

7 A physician who knowingly performs a medical abortion in
8 violation of the bill is guilty of a serious misdemeanor and
9 is subject to revocation of licensure pursuant to Code chapter
10 148. A serious misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no
11 more than one year or a fine of at least \$315 but not more than
12 \$1,875, or by both.