

HB 1657 -- Emergency Contraception

Sponsor: Jones

This bill establishes the Woman's Right to Know Act.

The Division of Maternal, Child, and Family Health in the Department of Health and Senior Services is required to raise public awareness by informing hospitals, health providers, pharmacists, and the community about the existence and availability of emergency contraception. The division is required to promote appropriate counseling and referrals for emergency birth control approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

The division is also required to develop and distribute information that stresses the availability of emergency birth control and its use, safety, and effectiveness if taken as soon as possible after intercourse. The information provided is required to emphasize that emergency contraception is a method of pregnancy prevention that cannot harm or terminate an established pregnancy.