

HB 1338 -- COMPASSIONATE ASSISTANCE FOR RAPE EMERGENCIES (CARE) ACT

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The bill establishes the "Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies (CARE) Act" and defines the standard of care for any health care facility that provides emergency care to a sexual assault victim. The standard of care is to provide the victim with information regarding emergency contraception, inform the victim of the option to be provided emergency contraception, and provide a complete regimen of emergency contraception if requested. The health care provider must follow federal Department of Justice protocols on HIV/STI screening and prophylactic treatment.

The Department of Health and Senior Services must produce informational materials regarding emergency contraception for the prevention of pregnancy for distribution in any health care facility and respond to complaints and periodically perform compliance checks on emergency health care facilities. Any health care facility that is not in compliance will be fined \$5,000 per woman who is denied emergency contraception or information about emergency contraception and \$5,000 for other violations of the bill.

This bill is the same as HB 371 (2017) and HB 1908 (2016).