

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 979

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MACKEY.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to the compassionate assistance for rape emergencies (CARE) act.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 191.713 and 191.714, to read as follows:

191.713. 1. Sections 191.713 and 191.714 shall be known and may be cited as the "Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies (CARE) Act".

2. As used in sections 191.713 and 191.714, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms mean:

(1) "Emergency care to sexual assault victims", medical examinations, procedures, or services provided at a hospital or health care facility to a sexual assault victim following an alleged sexual assault;

(2) "Emergency contraception", any drug or device approved by the Food and Drug Administration that prevents pregnancy after sexual intercourse;

(3) "Health care facility", any urgent care center or facility that offers treatment for patients during normal business, after business, or weekend hours and that is affiliated with a licensed hospital;

(4) "Sexual assault", includes rape in the first degree as defined in section 566.030, rape in the second degree as defined in section 566.031, statutory rape in the first degree and attempt to commit as defined in section 566.032, statutory rape in the second degree as defined in section 566.034, sodomy in the first degree as defined in section 566.060, sodomy in the second degree as defined in section 566.061, statutory

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 sodomy in the first degree and attempt to commit as defined in section 566.062, and
19 statutory sodomy in the second degree as defined in section 566.064;

20 (5) "Sexual assault victim", a person who is alleged to have been sexually
21 assaulted and is presented as a patient.

191.714. 1. It shall be the standard of care for any hospital and any health care
2 facility that provides emergency care to sexual assault victims to:

3 (1) Orally inform each sexual assault victim of the option to be provided
4 emergency contraception at the hospital or health care facility;

5 (2) Provide the complete regimen of emergency contraception immediately at the
6 hospital or health care facility to each sexual assault victim who requests it; and

7 (3) Provide sexually transmitted infection screening and treatment to each
8 sexual assault victim.

9 2. The department of health and senior services shall promulgate all rules and
10 regulations to implement the provisions of sections 191.713 and 191.714. Any rule or
11 portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the
12 authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is
13 subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This
14 section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the
15 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to
16 disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of
17 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2025, shall be
18 invalid and void.

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