

HB 2419 -- MEDICAL ABORTIONS

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Currently, for the purposes of inducing an abortion, the initial dose of mifepristone must be administered in the physical presence of the prescribing physician. This bill changes that requirement to all doses of the drug.

Additionally, prior to administering any drug or chemical for the purpose of inducing an abortion, the physician inducing the abortion is required to:

- (1) Perform an ultrasound to determine the unborn child's gestational age;
- (2) Provide information to the patient on the ability of medical professionals to potentially reverse the effects of an abortion obtained through the use of drugs or chemicals; and
- (3) Provide information to the patient on abortion-reversal counseling resources.

If a patient requests abortion-reversal medication after the administration of any drug or chemical to induce an abortion, the physician must administer the reversal medication if medically appropriate, or must immediately refer the patient to another health care provider for the administration of the medication if medically appropriate.

The bill requires the physician administering the abortion to inform the patient of her right to sepulcher and provide specific information on where to take the fetus if the fetus is delivered intact.