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HOUSE BILL 788

Short Title: The Second Chances Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Chesser, Balkcom, Lowery, and N. Jackson (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 19, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATED TO THE REVERSAL OF CHEMICAL
ABORTIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 90-21.82 reads as rewritten:

"§ 90-21.82. Informed consent to abortion.

No abortion shall be performed upon a woman in this State without her voluntary and informed consent. Except in the case of a medical emergency, consent to an abortion is voluntary and informed only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

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(2) The physician or qualified professional has informed the woman, either by telephone or in person, of each of the following at least 72 hours before the abortion:

- a. That medical assistance benefits may be available for prenatal care, childbirth, and neonatal care.
- b. That public assistance programs under Chapter 108A of the General Statutes may or may not be available as benefits under federal and State assistance programs.
- c. That the father is liable to assist in the support of the child, even if the father has offered to pay for the abortion.
- d. That the woman has other alternatives to abortion, including keeping the baby or placing the baby for adoption.
- e. That the woman has the right to review the printed materials described in G.S. 90-21.83, that these materials are available on a State-sponsored Web site, and the address of the State-sponsored Web site. The physician or a qualified professional shall orally inform the woman that the materials have been provided by the Department and that they describe the unborn child and list agencies that offer alternatives to abortion. If the woman chooses to view the materials other than on the Web site, the materials shall either be given to her at least 72 hours before the abortion or be mailed to her at least 72 hours before the abortion by certified mail, restricted delivery to addressee.
- f. That the woman is free to withhold or withdraw her consent to the abortion at any time before or during the abortion without affecting



1 her right to future care or treatment and without the loss of any State
2 or federally funded benefits to which she might otherwise be entitled.
3 g. That it may be possible to reverse the effects of a chemical abortion if
4 the pregnant woman changes her mind, but time is of the essence. If a
5 woman has taken mifepristone as part of a two-drug regimen to
6 terminate her pregnancy, also known as "RU-486" or "Mifeprex," it
7 may be possible to reverse its intended effect if the second pill or tablet
8 has not been taken or administered. If the woman wishes to continue
9 the pregnancy, she should immediately consult a physician for more
10 information. Information regarding the reversal of a chemical abortion
11 is also available by calling the Abortion Pill Reversal Hotline at
12 877-558-0333, or visiting <https://www.abortionpillreversal.com/>.

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14 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2023.