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RESOLUTION 36-15

Title: Compliance with Michigan’s Informed Consent for Abortion Law

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Referred to: Reference Committee D

House Action: **APPROVED AS AMENDED**

Whereas, Michigan’s Public Act 345 of 2000 prescribes the informed consent process for women seeking pregnancy termination servicesⁱ, and

Whereas, this Act defines in great detail the intended content of Michigan’s Informed Consent for Abortion Webpageⁱⁱ, and

Whereas, this Act specifies that the Informed Consent for Abortion Webpage shall allow a patient to review certain required information including services available through public agencies to:

- “assist the patient during her pregnancy and after the birth of her child, should she choose to give birth and maintain custody of her child”
- “assist the patient in placing her child in an adoptive or foster home, should she choose to give birth but not maintain custody of her child”
- “assist the patient and provide counseling should she experience subsequent adverse psychological effects from the abortion,” and

Whereas, the Informed Consent for Abortion Webpage currently fails to explicitly indicate the availability of any of the services mentioned in the previous clause, and

Whereas, the Informed Consent for Abortion Webpage instead offers a link to “Click here for a list of clinics offering free pre-natal ultrasounds” – a service that is not prescribed by the aforementioned actⁱⁱⁱ, and

Whereas, many of the clinics on this list are in fact Crisis Pregnancy Centers whose primary goal may be to dissuade women from obtaining abortions, and

Whereas, referral to these clinics, whose primary interest is not aligned with those of the patients they serve and whose motivations may be grounded in values that the patient that does not share, is not appropriate of the Michigan Department of Community Health nor mandated by the Michigan Public Act 345 of 2000; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS formally petition the Michigan Department of Community Health to update their website with relevant contact information (e.g.,

49 phone number, addresses, etc.) in order to clarify the availability of services that may
50 be of interest to pregnant women such as:

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- 52 • public agencies to assist the patient during her pregnancy and after the birth of
- 53 her child, should she choose to give birth and maintain custody of her child
- 54 • public agencies to assist the patient in placing her child in an adoptive or foster
- 55 home, should she choose to give birth but not maintain custody of her child
- 56 • public agencies to assist the patient and provide counseling should she
- 57 experience subsequent adverse psychological effects from the abortion which
- 58 corresponds to the requirements of Public Act 345 of 2000, Section 17015 (11)
- 59 (v)-(vii); and be it further

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61 RESOLVED: That MSMS request that the Michigan Department of Community
62 Health amend the reference to free ultrasounds from the Michigan Department of
63 Community Health's Informed Consent for Abortion Webpage to indicate that
64 obtaining such an ultrasound is not a required portion of the informed consent
65 process.

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68 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: None**

ⁱ <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/1999-2000/publicact/pdf/2000-PA-0345.pdf>

ⁱⁱ http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,4612,7-132-2940_4909-45202--,00.html

ⁱⁱⁱ http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/ultrasound_196523_7.pdf