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AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to emergency contraception.

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

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 191.715, to read as follows:

**191.715. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Woman's Right
2 to Know Act".**

**3 2. For purposes of this section, "emergency contraception" means any drug or
4 device approved by the Food and Drug Administration that prevents pregnancy after
5 intercourse.**

**6 3. The division of maternal, child, and family health within the department of
7 health and senior services shall endeavor to raise public awareness by informing hospitals,
8 health care providers, pharmacists, and the community of the existence and availability of
9 emergency contraception. The division shall also endeavor to promote appropriate
10 counseling and referrals for all contraceptive drugs and devices, including emergency
11 contraception, that are approved by the Food and Drug Administration. The division shall
12 develop and distribute information which describes the contraceptive drugs and devices
13 that are available and stresses the availability of emergency contraception, its use and
14 safety, and its effectiveness in preventing pregnancy if taken as soon as possible after**

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.

15 **intercourse. The information shall stress that emergency contraception is a method of**
16 **pregnancy prevention that cannot harm or terminate an established pregnancy. The**
17 **information shall also inform women that under section 376.1199, RSMo, health insurance**
18 **plans that cover prescription drugs shall also cover contraceptive drugs and devices.**