

HB 298 -- Informed Consent for Abortions

Sponsor: English

Currently, a physician must provide a woman with the opportunity to view an active ultrasound and hear the heartbeat, if it is audible, of the unborn child at least 24 hours prior to an abortion.

This bill requires a physician to conduct and review with the woman an active ultrasound and allow the woman to hear the heartbeat, if it is audible, of the unborn child at least 24 hours prior to an abortion.

If an ultrasound can not be conducted at the abortion facility, the woman seeking an abortion must submit verification from the facility that conducted the ultrasound, specifying the time and date the ultrasound was conducted, that it was reviewed with the woman, and she was allowed to view the ultrasound images and hear the heartbeat of the unborn child if the heartbeat is audible.

No abortion can be performed or induced until the woman obtaining the abortion certifies in writing that an active ultrasound has been conducted and reviewed with her, allowing her to view an image of the unborn child and hear the heartbeat if the heartbeat is audible.