AN ACT

To repeal sections 188.027 and 188.039, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the required waiting period before having an abortion.

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

Section A. Sections 188.027 and 188.039, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 188.027 and 188.039, to read as follows:

188.027. 1. Except in the case of medical emergency, no abortion shall be performed or induced on a woman without her voluntary and informed consent, given freely and without coercion. Consent to an abortion is voluntary and informed and given freely and without coercion[,] if, and only if, at least [twenty-four] **seventy-two** hours prior to the abortion:

   (1) The physician who is to perform or induce the abortion or a qualified professional has informed the woman[,] orally, reduced to writing, and shown the woman the video created by the department of health and senior services in subsection 13 of this section in person, of the following:

      (a) The name of the physician who will perform or induce the abortion;

      (b) Medically accurate information that a reasonable patient would consider material to the decision of whether or not to undergo the abortion, including:

         a. A description of the proposed abortion method;

         b. The immediate and long-term medical risks to the woman associated with the proposed abortion method including, but not limited to, infection, hemorrhage, cervical tear or uterine perforation, harm to subsequent pregnancies or the ability to carry a subsequent child to term, and possible adverse psychological effects associated with the abortion; and

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.
c. The immediate and long-term medical risks to the woman, in light of the anesthesia and medication that is to be administered, the unborn child's gestational age, and the woman's medical history and medical condition;

   (c) Alternatives to the abortion which shall include making the woman aware that information and materials shall be provided to her detailing such alternatives to the abortion;

   (d) A statement that the physician performing or inducing the abortion is available for any questions concerning the abortion, together with the telephone number that the physician may be later reached to answer any questions that the woman may have;

   (e) The location of the hospital that offers obstetrical or gynecological care located within thirty miles of the location where the abortion is performed or induced and at which the physician performing or inducing the abortion has clinical privileges and where the woman may receive follow-up care by the physician if complications arise;

   (f) The gestational age of the unborn child at the time the abortion is to be performed or induced; and

   (g) The anatomical and physiological characteristics of the unborn child at the time the abortion is to be performed or induced;

(2) The physician who is to perform or induce the abortion or a qualified professional has presented the woman, in person, printed materials provided by the department, which describe the probable anatomical and physiological characteristics of the unborn child at two-week gestational increments from conception to full term, including color photographs or images of the developing unborn child at two-week gestational increments. Such descriptions shall include information about brain and heart functions, the presence of external members and internal organs during the applicable stages of development and information on when the unborn child is viable. The printed materials shall prominently display the following statement: "The life of each human being begins at conception. Abortion will terminate the life of a separate, unique, living human being."

(3) The physician who is to perform or induce the abortion or a qualified professional has presented the woman, in person, printed materials provided by the department, which describe the various surgical and drug-induced methods of abortion relevant to the stage of pregnancy, as well as the immediate and long-term medical risks commonly associated with each abortion method including, but not limited to, infection, hemorrhage, cervical tear or uterine perforation, harm to subsequent pregnancies or the ability to carry a subsequent child to term, and the possible adverse psychological effects associated with an abortion;

(4) The physician who is to perform or induce the abortion or a qualified professional shall provide the woman with the opportunity to view at least twenty-four seventy-two hours prior to the abortion an active ultrasound of the unborn child and hear the heartbeat of the unborn
child if the heartbeat is audible. The woman shall be provided with a geographically indexed list
maintained by the department of health care providers, facilities, and clinics that perform
ultrasounds, including those that offer ultrasound services free of charge. Such materials shall
provide contact information for each provider, facility, or clinic including telephone numbers
and, if available, website addresses. Should the woman decide to obtain an ultrasound from a
provider, facility, or clinic other than the abortion facility, the woman shall be offered a
reasonable time to obtain the ultrasound examination before the date and time set for performing
or inducing an abortion. The person conducting the ultrasound shall ensure that the active
ultrasound image is of a quality consistent with standard medical practice in the community,
contains the dimensions of the unborn child, and accurately portrays the presence of external
members and internal organs, if present or viewable, of the unborn child. The auscultation of
fetal heart tone must also be of a quality consistent with standard medical practice in the
community. If the woman chooses to view the ultrasound or hear the heartbeat or both at the
abortion facility, the viewing or hearing or both shall be provided to her at the abortion facility
at least [twenty-four] seventy-two hours prior to the abortion being performed or induced;

(5) Prior to an abortion being performed or induced on an unborn child of twenty-two
weeks gestational age or older, the physician who is to perform or induce the abortion or a
qualified professional has presented the woman, in person, printed materials provided by the
department that offer information on the possibility of the abortion causing pain to the unborn
child. This information shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

(a) At least by twenty-two weeks of gestational age, the unborn child possesses all the
anatomical structures, including pain receptors, spinal cord, nerve tracts, thalamus, and cortex,
that are necessary in order to feel pain;

(b) A description of the actual steps in the abortion procedure to be performed or
induced, and at which steps the abortion procedure could be painful to the unborn child;

(c) There is evidence that by twenty-two weeks of gestational age, unborn children seek
to evade certain stimuli in a manner that in an infant or an adult would be interpreted as a
response to pain;

(d) Anesthesia is given to unborn children who are twenty-two weeks or more gestational
age who undergo prenatal surgery;

(e) Anesthesia is given to premature children who are twenty-two weeks or more
gestational age who undergo surgery;

(f) Anesthesia or an analgesic is available in order to minimize or alleviate the pain to
the unborn child;
(6) The physician who is to perform or induce the abortion or a qualified professional has presented the woman, in person, printed materials provided by the department explaining to the woman alternatives to abortion she may wish to consider. Such materials shall:

(a) Identify on a geographical basis public and private agencies available to assist a woman in carrying her unborn child to term, and to assist her in caring for her dependent child or placing her child for adoption, including agencies commonly known and generally referred to as pregnancy resource centers, crisis pregnancy centers, maternity homes, and adoption agencies. Such materials shall provide a comprehensive list by geographical area of the agencies, a description of the services they offer, and the telephone numbers and addresses of the agencies; provided that such materials shall not include any programs, services, organizations, or affiliates of organizations that perform or induce, or assist in the performing or inducing of, abortions or that refer for abortions;

(b) Explain the Missouri alternatives to abortion services program under section 188.325, and any other programs and services available to pregnant women and mothers of newborn children offered by public or private agencies which assist a woman in carrying her unborn child to term and assist her in caring for her dependent child or placing her child for adoption, including but not limited to prenatal care; maternal health care; newborn or infant care; mental health services; professional counseling services; housing programs; utility assistance; transportation services; food, clothing, and supplies related to pregnancy; parenting skills; educational programs; job training and placement services; drug and alcohol testing and treatment; and adoption assistance;

(c) Identify the state website for the Missouri alternatives to abortion services program under section 188.325, and any toll-free number established by the state operated in conjunction with the program;

(d) Prominently display the statement: "There are public and private agencies willing and able to help you carry your child to term, and to assist you and your child after your child is born, whether you choose to keep your child or place him or her for adoption. The state of Missouri encourages you to contact those agencies before making a final decision about abortion. State law requires that your physician or a qualified professional give you the opportunity to call agencies like these before you undergo an abortion."

(7) The physician who is to perform or induce the abortion or a qualified professional has presented the woman, in person, printed materials provided by the department explaining that the father of the unborn child is liable to assist in the support of the child, even in instances where he has offered to pay for the abortion. Such materials shall include information on the legal duties and support obligations of the father of a child, including, but not limited to, child support payments, and the fact that paternity may be established by the father's name on a birth
123 certificate or statement of paternity, or by court action. Such printed materials shall also state
124 that more information concerning paternity establishment and child support services and
125 enforcement may be obtained by calling the family support division within the Missouri
126 department of social services; and
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128 (8) The physician who is to perform or induce the abortion or a qualified professional
129 shall inform the woman that she is free to withhold or withdraw her consent to the abortion at
130 any time without affecting her right to future care or treatment and without the loss of any state
131 or federally funded benefits to which she might otherwise be entitled.
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133 2. All information required to be provided to a woman considering abortion by
134 subsection 1 of this section shall be presented to the woman individually, by showing the video
135 created by the department of health and senior services under subsection 13 of this section,
136 in the physical presence of the woman and in a private room, to protect her privacy, to maintain
137 the confidentiality of her decision, to ensure that the information focuses on her individual
138 circumstances, to ensure she has an adequate opportunity to ask questions, and to ensure that she
139 is not a victim of coerced abortion. Should a woman be unable to read materials provided to her,
140 they shall be read to her. Should a woman need an interpreter to understand the information
141 presented in the written materials, an interpreter shall be provided to her. Should a woman ask
142 questions concerning any of the information or materials, answers shall be provided in a
143 language she can understand.
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145 3. No abortion shall be performed or induced unless and until the woman upon whom
146 the abortion is to be performed or induced certifies in writing on a checklist form provided by
147 the department that she has been presented all the information required in subsection 1 of this
148 section, that she has been provided the opportunity to view an active ultrasound image of the
149 unborn child and hear the heartbeat of the unborn child if it is audible, and that she further
150 certifies that she gives her voluntary and informed consent, freely and without coercion, to the
151 abortion procedure.
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153 4. No abortion shall be performed or induced on an unborn child of twenty-two weeks
154 gestational age or older unless and until the woman upon whom the abortion is to be performed
155 or induced has been provided the opportunity to choose to have an anesthetic or analgesic
156 administered to eliminate or alleviate pain to the unborn child caused by the particular method
157 of abortion to be performed or induced. The administration of anesthesia or analgesics shall be
158 performed in a manner consistent with standard medical practice in the community.
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160 5. No physician shall perform or induce an abortion unless and until the physician has
161 obtained from the woman her voluntary and informed consent given freely and without coercion.
162 If the physician has reason to believe that the woman is being coerced into having an abortion,
163 the physician or qualified professional shall inform the woman that services are available for her
159 and shall provide her with private access to a telephone and information about such services,
160 including but not limited to the following:
161   (1) Rape crisis centers, as defined in section 455.003;
162   (2) Shelters for victims of domestic violence, as defined in section 455.200; and
163   (3) Orders of protection, pursuant to chapter 455.
164 6. No physician shall perform or induce an abortion unless and until the physician has
165 received and signed a copy of the form prescribed in subsection 3 of this section. The physician
166 shall retain a copy of the form in the patient's medical record.
167 7. In the event of a medical emergency as provided by section [188.075] 188.039, the
168 physician who performed or induced the abortion shall clearly certify in writing the nature and
169 circumstances of the medical emergency. This certification shall be signed by the physician who
170 performed or induced the abortion, and shall be maintained under section 188.060.
171 8. No person or entity shall require, obtain, or accept payment for an abortion from or
172 on behalf of a patient until at least [twenty-four] seventy-two hours have passed since the time
173 that the information required by subsection 1 of this section has been provided to the patient.
174 Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a person or entity from notifying the patient that
175 payment for the abortion will be required after the [twenty-four-hour] seventy-two-hour period
176 has expired if she voluntarily chooses to have the abortion.
177 9. The term "qualified professional" as used in this section shall refer to a physician,
178 physician assistant, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, psychologist, licensed professional
179 counselor, or licensed social worker, licensed or registered under chapter 334, 335, or 337, acting
180 under the supervision of the physician performing or inducing the abortion, and acting within the
181 course and scope of his or her authority provided by law. The provisions of this section shall not
182 be construed to in any way expand the authority otherwise provided by law relating to the
183 licensure, registration, or scope of practice of any such qualified professional.
184 10. By November 30, 2010, the department shall produce the written materials and forms
185 described in this section. Any written materials produced shall be printed in a typeface large
186 enough to be clearly legible. All information shall be presented in an objective, unbiased manner
187 designed to convey only accurate scientific and medical information. The department shall
188 furnish the written materials and forms at no cost and in sufficient quantity to any person who
189 performs or induces abortions, or to any hospital or facility that provides abortions. The
190 department shall make all information required by subsection 1 of this section available to the
191 public through its department website. The department shall maintain a toll-free, twenty-four-hour hotline telephone number where a caller can obtain information on a regional
192 basis concerning the agencies and services described in subsection 1 of this section. No
193 identifying information regarding persons who use the website shall be collected or maintained.
The department shall monitor the website on a regular basis to prevent tampering and correct any operational deficiencies.

11. In order to preserve the compelling interest of the state to ensure that the choice to consent to an abortion is voluntary and informed, and given freely and without coercion, the department shall use the procedures for adoption of emergency rules under section 536.025 in order to promulgate all necessary rules, forms, and other necessary material to implement this section by November 30, 2010.

12. If the provisions in subsections 1 and 8 of this section requiring a seventy-two-hour waiting period for an abortion are ever temporarily or permanently restrained or enjoined by judicial order, then the waiting period for an abortion shall be twenty-four hours; provided, however, that if such temporary or permanent restraining order or injunction is stayed or dissolved, or otherwise ceases to have effect, the waiting period for an abortion shall be seventy-two hours.

13. The department of health and senior services shall create a video that contains all the information required to be provided a woman considering an abortion by subsection 1 of this section, except subdivision (1)(a) of subsection 1 of this section.

188.039. 1. For purposes of this section, "medical emergency" means a condition which, on the basis of the physician's good faith clinical judgment, so complicates the medical condition of a pregnant woman as to necessitate the immediate abortion of her pregnancy to avert her death or for which a delay will create a serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function.

2. Except in the case of medical emergency, no person shall perform or induce an abortion unless at least [twenty-four] seventy-two hours prior thereto the physician who is to perform or induce the abortion or a qualified professional has conferred with the patient and discussed with her the indicators and contraindicators, and risk factors including any physical, psychological, or situational factors for the proposed procedure and the use of medications, including but not limited to mifepristone, in light of her medical history and medical condition. For an abortion performed or an abortion induced by a drug or drugs, such conference shall take place at least [twenty-four] seventy-two hours prior to the writing or communication of the first prescription for such drug or drugs in connection with inducing an abortion. Only one such conference shall be required for each abortion.

3. The patient shall be evaluated by the physician who is to perform or induce the abortion or a qualified professional during the conference for indicators and contraindicators, risk factors including any physical, psychological, or situational factors which would predispose the patient to or increase the risk of experiencing one or more adverse physical, emotional, or other
health reactions to the proposed procedure or drug or drugs in either the short or long term as compared with women who do not possess such risk factors.

4. At the end of the conference, and if the woman chooses to proceed with the abortion, the physician who is to perform or induce the abortion or a qualified professional shall sign and shall cause the patient to sign a written statement that the woman gave her informed consent freely and without coercion after the physician or qualified professional had discussed with her the indicators and contraindicators, and risk factors, including any physical, psychological, or situational factors. All such executed statements shall be maintained as part of the patient's medical file, subject to the confidentiality laws and rules of this state.

5. The director of the department of health and senior services shall disseminate a model form that physicians or qualified professionals may use as the written statement required by this section, but any lack or unavailability of such a model form shall not affect the duties of the physician or qualified professional set forth in subsections 2 to 4 of this section.

6. As used in this section, the term "qualified professional" shall refer to a physician, physician assistant, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, psychologist, licensed professional counselor, or licensed social worker, licensed or registered under chapter 334, 335, or 337, acting under the supervision of the physician performing or inducing the abortion, and acting within the course and scope of his or her authority provided by law. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to in any way expand the authority otherwise provided by law relating to the licensure, registration, or scope of practice of any such qualified professional.

7. If the provisions in subsection 2 of this section requiring a seventy-two-hour waiting period for an abortion are ever temporarily or permanently restrained or enjoined by judicial order, then the waiting period for an abortion shall be twenty-four hours; provided, however, that if such temporary or permanent restraining order or injunction is stayed or dissolved, or otherwise ceases to have effect, the waiting period for an abortion shall be seventy-two hours.