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**CHAPTER 87**  
**SENATE BILL 1318**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 20-121, 36-404, 36-449.02 AND 36-2153, ARIZONA REVISED  
STATUTES; RELATING TO ABORTION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 20-121, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 20-121. Health care exchange; abortion coverage; prohibition;  
5 exceptions

6 A. Consistent with the provisions of the patient protection and  
7 affordable care act (P.L. 111-148), any qualified health insurance policy,  
8 contract or plan offered through any ~~state~~ health care exchange ~~established~~  
9 ~~OPERATING~~ in this state shall not provide coverage for abortions ~~unless the~~  
10 ~~coverage is offered as a separate optional rider for which an additional~~  
11 ~~insurance premium is charged.~~

12 B. Subsection A ~~OF THIS SECTION~~ does not apply to coverage for any  
13 abortion ~~that is necessary to either:~~

14 1. ~~THAT IS NECESSARY TO~~ save the life of the woman having the  
15 abortion.

16 2. ~~THAT IS NECESSARY TO~~ avert substantial and irreversible impairment  
17 of a major bodily function of the woman having the abortion.

18 3. ~~WHEN THE PREGNANCY IS THE RESULT OF RAPE OR INCEST.~~

19 Sec. 2. Section 36-404, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

20 36-404. Limitation of disclosure of information

21 A. Information received and records kept by the department for the  
22 purpose of administering this chapter are available to the public except:

23 1. Information obtained for purposes of articles 4 and 5 of this  
24 chapter.

25 2. Personally identifiable medical information or any information from  
26 which a patient or the patient's family might be identified.

27 3. Sources of information that cause the department to believe that an  
28 inspection of an institution is needed to determine the extent of compliance  
29 with this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.

30 4. ~~PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION OF A PHYSICIAN THAT IS RECEIVED~~  
31 ~~AND ANY RECORDS KEPT REGARDING THE PHYSICIAN'S ADMITTING PRIVILEGES PURSUANT~~  
32 ~~TO SECTION 36-449.02.~~

33 B. The department may release information listed under subsection A ~~OF~~  
34 ~~THIS SECTION~~ to an officer of the court pursuant to a court order, a  
35 department or agency of this state or the federal government, a law  
36 enforcement agency or a county medical examiner if the release of this  
37 information is necessary and pertinent to an investigation or proceeding  
38 unless the release of this information is prohibited by federal or state law.  
39 The recipient shall maintain patient and source name confidentiality.

40 Sec. 3. Section 36-449.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
41 read:

42 36-449.02. Abortion clinics; licensure requirements; rules;  
43 inspections; standing to intervene; legal counsel

44 A. Beginning on April 1, 2000, an abortion clinic shall meet the same  
45 licensure requirements as prescribed in article 2 of this chapter for health  
46 care institutions. ~~ON INITIAL LICENSURE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT RENEWAL, AN~~

1 ABORTION CLINIC SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DIRECTOR ALL DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED BY  
2 THIS ARTICLE, INCLUDING VERIFICATION THAT THE CLINIC'S PHYSICIANS WHO ARE  
3 REQUIRED TO BE AVAILABLE HAVE ADMITTING PRIVILEGES AT A HEALTH CARE  
4 INSTITUTION AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 36-449.03, SUBSECTION C, PARAGRAPH 3.

5 B. An abortion clinic that holds an unclassified health care facility  
6 license issued before August 6, 1999 may retain that classification until  
7 April 1, 2000 subject to compliance with all laws that relate to unclassified  
8 health care facilities.

9 C. Beginning on April 1, 2000, abortion clinics shall comply with  
10 department requirements for abortion clinics and department rules that govern  
11 abortion clinics.

12 D. If the director determines that there is reasonable cause to  
13 believe an abortion clinic is not adhering to the licensing requirements of  
14 this article or any other law or rule concerning abortion, the director and  
15 any duly designated employee or agent of the director, including county  
16 health representatives and county or municipal fire inspectors, consistent  
17 with standard medical practices, may enter on and into the premises of the  
18 abortion clinic that is licensed or required to be licensed pursuant to this  
19 article during regular business hours of the abortion clinic to determine  
20 compliance with this article, rules adopted pursuant to this article, local  
21 fire ordinances or rules and any other law or rule relating to abortion.

22 E. An application for licensure pursuant to this article constitutes  
23 permission for, and complete acquiescence in, an entry or inspection of the  
24 premises during the pendency of the application and, if licensed, during the  
25 term of the license.

26 F. If an inspection conducted pursuant to this section reveals that an  
27 abortion clinic is not adhering to the licensing requirements prescribed  
28 pursuant to this article or any other law or rule concerning abortion, the  
29 director may take action authorized by this article.

30 G. An abortion clinic whose license has been suspended or revoked  
31 pursuant to this article or section 36-424 is subject to inspection on  
32 application for relicensure or reinstatement of the license.

33 H. In any proceeding in which the constitutionality, legality or  
34 application of this section is challenged, the attorney general or any county  
35 or city attorney who wishes to defend the law has the right to intervene as a  
36 party and is deemed to have proper standing in the matter. The only  
37 objection that may be raised to a motion to intervene as of right pursuant to  
38 this subsection is that the proposed intervenor does not have a good faith  
39 intention to defend the law. Any party or proposed intervenor may raise this  
40 objection. Notwithstanding section 41-192, the department may employ legal  
41 counsel and make an expenditure or incur an indebtedness for legal services  
42 for the purposes of defending this section.

1           Sec. 4. Section 36-2153, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:  
2           36-2153. Informed consent; requirements; information; website;  
3                           signs; violation; civil relief; statute of  
4                           limitations

5           A. An abortion shall not be performed or induced without the voluntary  
6 and informed consent of the woman on whom the abortion is to be performed or  
7 induced. Except in the case of a medical emergency and in addition to the  
8 other requirements of this chapter, consent to an abortion is voluntary and  
9 informed only if all of the following are true:

10           1. At least twenty-four hours before the abortion, the physician who  
11 is to perform the abortion or the referring physician has informed the woman,  
12 orally and in person, of:

13           (a) The name of the physician who will perform the abortion.

14           (b) The nature of the proposed procedure or treatment.

15           (c) The immediate and long-term medical risks associated with the  
16 procedure that a reasonable patient would consider material to the decision  
17 of whether or not to undergo the abortion.

18           (d) Alternatives to the procedure or treatment that a reasonable  
19 patient would consider material to the decision of whether or not to undergo  
20 the abortion.

21           (e) The probable gestational age of the unborn child at the time the  
22 abortion is to be performed.

23           (f) The probable anatomical and physiological characteristics of the  
24 unborn child at the time the abortion is to be performed.

25           (g) The medical risks associated with carrying the child to term.

26           2. At least twenty-four hours before the abortion, the physician who  
27 is to perform the abortion, the referring physician or a qualified physician,  
28 physician assistant, nurse, psychologist or licensed behavioral health  
29 professional to whom the responsibility has been delegated by either  
30 physician has informed the woman, orally and in person, that:

31           (a) Medical assistance benefits may be available for prenatal care,  
32 childbirth and neonatal care.

33           (b) The father of the unborn child is liable to assist in the support  
34 of the child, even if he has offered to pay for the abortion. In the case of  
35 rape or incest, this information may be omitted.

36           (c) Public and private agencies and services are available to assist  
37 the woman during her pregnancy and after the birth of her child if she  
38 chooses not to have an abortion, whether she chooses to keep the child or  
39 place the child for adoption.

40           (d) It is unlawful for any person to coerce a woman to undergo an  
41 abortion.

42           (e) The woman is free to withhold or withdraw her consent to the  
43 abortion at any time without affecting her right to future care or treatment  
44 and without the loss of any state or federally funded benefits to which she  
45 might otherwise be entitled.

1 (f) The department of health services maintains a website that  
2 describes the unborn child and lists the agencies that offer alternatives to  
3 abortion.

4 (g) The woman has a right to review the website and that a printed  
5 copy of the materials on the website will be provided to her free of charge  
6 if she chooses to review these materials.

7 (h) IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO REVERSE THE EFFECTS OF A MEDICATION ABORTION  
8 IF THE WOMAN CHANGES HER MIND BUT THAT TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

9 (i) INFORMATION ON AND ASSISTANCE WITH REVERSING THE EFFECTS OF A  
10 MEDICATION ABORTION IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES'  
11 WEBSITE.

12 3. The information in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this subsection is  
13 provided to the woman individually and in a private room to protect her  
14 privacy and to ensure that the information focuses on her individual  
15 circumstances and that she has adequate opportunity to ask questions.

16 4. The woman certifies in writing before the abortion that the  
17 information required to be provided pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 of this  
18 subsection has been provided.

19 B. If a medical emergency compels the performance of an abortion, the  
20 physician shall inform the woman, before the abortion if possible, of the  
21 medical indications supporting the physician's judgment that an abortion is  
22 necessary to avert the woman's death or to avert substantial and irreversible  
23 impairment of a major bodily function.

24 C. The department of health services shall establish ~~a website within~~  
25 ~~ninety days after the effective date of this amendment to this section~~ and  
26 shall annually update ~~the A website. The website must include~~ THAT INCLUDES  
27 a link to a printable version of all materials listed on the website. The  
28 materials must be written in an easily understood manner and printed in a  
29 typeface that is large enough to be clearly legible. The website must  
30 include all of the following materials:

31 1. Information that is organized geographically by location and that  
32 is designed to inform the woman about public and private agencies and  
33 services that are available to assist a woman through pregnancy, at  
34 childbirth and while her child is dependent, including adoption agencies.  
35 The materials shall include a comprehensive list of the agencies, a  
36 description of the services they offer and the manner in which these agencies  
37 may be contacted, including the agencies' telephone numbers and website  
38 addresses.

39 2. Information on the availability of medical assistance benefits for  
40 prenatal care, childbirth and neonatal care.

41 3. A statement that it is unlawful for any person to coerce a woman to  
42 undergo an abortion.

43 4. A statement that any physician who performs an abortion on a woman  
44 without obtaining the woman's voluntary and informed consent or without  
45 affording her a private medical consultation may be liable to the woman for  
46 damages in a civil action.

1           5. A statement that the father of a child is liable to assist in the  
2 support of that child, even if the father has offered to pay for an abortion,  
3 and that the law allows adoptive parents to pay costs of prenatal care,  
4 childbirth and neonatal care.

5           6. Information that is designed to inform the woman of the probable  
6 anatomical and physiological characteristics of the unborn child at two-week  
7 gestational increments from fertilization to full term, including pictures or  
8 drawings representing the development of unborn children at two-week  
9 gestational increments and any relevant information on the possibility of the  
10 unborn child's survival. The pictures or drawings must contain the  
11 dimensions of the unborn child and must be realistic and appropriate for each  
12 stage of pregnancy. The information provided pursuant to this paragraph must  
13 be objective, nonjudgmental and designed to convey only accurate scientific  
14 information about the unborn child at the various gestational ages.

15           7. Objective information that describes the methods of abortion  
16 procedures commonly employed, the medical risks commonly associated with each  
17 procedure, the possible detrimental psychological effects of abortion and the  
18 medical risks commonly associated with carrying a child to term.

19           8. INFORMATION ON THE POTENTIAL ABILITY OF QUALIFIED MEDICAL  
20 PROFESSIONALS TO REVERSE A MEDICATION ABORTION, INCLUDING INFORMATION  
21 DIRECTING WOMEN WHERE TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE IN  
22 LOCATING A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL WHO CAN AID IN THE REVERSAL OF A MEDICATION  
23 ABORTION.

24           D. An individual who is not a physician shall not perform a surgical  
25 abortion.

26           E. A person shall not write or communicate a prescription for a drug  
27 or drugs to induce an abortion or require or obtain payment for a service  
28 provided to a patient who has inquired about an abortion or scheduled an  
29 abortion until the expiration of the twenty-four-hour reflection period  
30 required by subsection A of this section.

31           F. A person shall not intimidate or coerce in any way any person to  
32 obtain an abortion. A parent, a guardian or any other person shall not  
33 coerce a minor to obtain an abortion. If a minor is denied financial support  
34 by the minor's parents, guardians or custodian due to the minor's refusal to  
35 have an abortion performed, the minor is deemed emancipated for the purposes  
36 of eligibility for public assistance benefits, except that the emancipated  
37 minor may not use these benefits to obtain an abortion.

38           G. An abortion clinic as defined in section 36-449.01 shall  
39 conspicuously post signs that are visible to all who enter the abortion  
40 clinic, that are clearly readable and that state it is unlawful for any  
41 person to force a woman to have an abortion and a woman who is being forced  
42 to have an abortion has the right to contact any local or state law  
43 enforcement or social service agency to receive protection from any actual or  
44 threatened physical, emotional or psychological abuse. The signs shall be  
45 posted in the waiting room, consultation rooms and procedure rooms.

1 H. A person shall not require a woman to obtain an abortion as a  
2 provision in a contract or as a condition of employment.

3 I. A physician who knowingly violates this section commits an act of  
4 unprofessional conduct and is subject to license suspension or revocation  
5 pursuant to title 32, chapter 13 or 17.

6 J. In addition to other remedies available under the common or  
7 statutory law of this state, any of the following may file a civil action to  
8 obtain appropriate relief for a violation of this section:

9 1. A woman on whom an abortion has been performed without her informed  
10 consent as required by this section.

11 2. The father of the unborn child if married to the mother at the time  
12 she received the abortion, unless the pregnancy resulted from the plaintiff's  
13 criminal conduct.

14 3. The maternal grandparents of the unborn child if the mother was not  
15 at least eighteen years of age at the time of the abortion, unless the  
16 pregnancy resulted from the plaintiff's criminal conduct.

17 K. A civil action filed pursuant to subsection J of this section shall  
18 be brought in the superior court in the county in which the woman on whom the  
19 abortion was performed resides and may be based on a claim that failure to  
20 obtain informed consent was a result of simple negligence, gross negligence,  
21 wantonness, wilfulness, intention or any other legal standard of care.  
22 Relief pursuant to subsection J of this section includes the following:

23 1. Money damages for all psychological, emotional and physical  
24 injuries resulting from the violation of this section.

25 2. Statutory damages in an amount equal to five thousand dollars or  
26 three times the cost of the abortion, whichever is greater.

27 3. Reasonable attorney fees and costs.

28 L. A civil action brought pursuant to this section must be initiated  
29 within six years after the violation occurred.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MARCH 30, 2015.

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