

HB 1702-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1702-FN**

AN ACT relative to notice requirements and enforcement for pharmacies dispensing medications intended to induce chemical abortions.

SPONSORS: Rep. Farrington, Straf. 8; Rep. Mooney, Hills. 12; Rep. Notter, Hills. 12; Rep. M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Rep. Perez, Rock. 16; Rep. Sellers, Graf. 10; Rep. Thibault, Merr. 25; Rep. Bennett, Rock. 4; Rep. Sabourin dit Choiniere, Rock. 30; Sen. Avard, Dist 12

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Defines "chemical" and "medical abortion" drugs.

II. Requires medical facilities and pharmacies that provides chemical abortion drugs to post a standardized notice regarding the potential reversibility of mifepristone.

III. Establishes signage requirements by facility type, imposes a class B felony for intentional noncompliance, and authorizes civil actions for failure to provide the required notice.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to notice requirements and enforcement for pharmacies dispensing medications intended to induce chemical abortions.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Purpose. The purpose of this act is to inform women seeking chemical abortions that it may
2 be possible to undo the effects of mifepristone, a drug commonly used to induce abortions.

3 2 New Subdivision; Chemical Abortion. Amend RSA 329 by inserting after section 53 the
4 following new subdivision:

5 Chemical Abortion

6 329:54 Definitions. In this subdivision:

7 I. "Chemical abortion" or "medical abortion" means the use or prescription of any drug or
8 chemical for the purposes of inducing an abortion including, but not limited to, mifepristone.

9 II. "Medical facility" shall have the same meaning as defined in RSA 329:43, VI.

10 329:55 Notice.

11 I. Any medical facility or pharmacy in New Hampshire where any chemical abortion drug is
12 prescribed, dispensed, or administered for the purposes of inducing a medical abortion shall post a
13 conspicuous sign at least 8.5 inches by 11 inches that is clearly visible to patients and customers.
14 Such sign shall be printed with lettering that is legible and at least 3/4 of an inch boldfaced type and
15 shall read:

16 "NOTICE TO PATIENTS HAVING CHEMICAL ABORTIONS THAT USE MIFEPRISTONE OR
17 OTHER CHEMICAL ABORTION DRUG: Mifepristone, also known as 'RU-486,' alone is not always
18 effective in ending a pregnancy. It may be possible to reverse its intended effect if the second pill or
19 tablet has not been taken or administered. If you change your mind and wish to continue the
20 pregnancy, you can get immediate help by accessing available resources, including Option Line by
21 Heartbeat International at [insert phone number here]."

22 II. Any private office or freestanding surgical outpatient clinic where mifepristone is
23 prescribed, dispensed, or administered for the purposes of inducing a medical abortion shall post the
24 sign required under paragraph I in each patient waiting room and patient consultation room used by
25 patients seeking medical abortions.

26 III. A hospital or other medical care facility or clinic where mifepristone is prescribed,
27 dispensed, or administered for the purposes of inducing a medical abortion that is not a private office
28 or freestanding surgical outpatient clinic shall post the sign required under paragraph I in each
29 patient admission area.

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1 IV. A pharmacy where mifepristone is prescribed, dispensed, or administered for the
2 purpose of inducing a medication abortion shall post the sign required under paragraph I in the area
3 inside the premises where customers are provided prescription medications, and on the exterior of
4 the premises in the area where customers are provided prescription medications via a drive-through
5 window.

6 329:56 Enforcement.

7 I. A health care provider or pharmacy that knowingly violates RSA 329:55 shall be guilty of
8 a class B felony.

9 II. Any woman prescribed, dispensed, or administered a drug intending to induce a chemical
10 abortion without being informed by the notice outlined under RSA 329:55 may, in a civil action,
11 obtain appropriate relief against the party in violation of RSA 329:55. Such relief shall include
12 monetary damages for any psychological or physical injuries, or both, caused by a violation of this
13 subdivision.

14 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 1702-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund</i>	None			
Expenditures*	Indeterminable			
<i>Funding Source</i>	General Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source</i>	None			

*Expenditure = Cost of bill *Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
County Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Expenditures	Indeterminable			
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditures	Indeterminable			

METHODOLOGY:

This bill adds, deletes, or modifies a criminal penalty, or changes statute to which there is a penalty for violation. Therefore, this bill may have an impact on the judicial and correctional systems, which could affect prosecution, incarceration, probation, and parole costs, for the state, as well as county and local governments. A summary of such costs can be found at: https://gencourt.state.nh.us/lba/Budget/Fiscal_Notes/JudicialCorrectionalCosts.pdf

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Judicial Branch, Judicial Council, Department of Justice, Department of Corrections, New Hampshire Association of Counties, and New Hampshire Municipal Association