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Short Title: Woman's Right to Know Addition/Ashley's Law. (Public)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT DIRECTING THAT CERTAIN INFORMATION BE PROVIDED TO WOMEN
CONSIDERING A DRUG-INDUCED ABORTION IN ORDER TO SATISFY INFORMED
CONSENT REQUIREMENTS AND REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES TO MAKE THAT INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON ITS
INTERNET WEB SITE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 90-21.82 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(2a) In addition to the information required by subdivision (2) of this section, the following information must be provided to a woman before a drug-induced abortion:

- a. Immediately prior to administering the drug Mifepristone, the physician or qualified health professional shall inform the woman that (i) it is still possible to discontinue a drug-induced abortion by not taking the prescribed Misoprostol and taking progesterone to reverse the effects of the Mifepristone and (ii) information on how, where, and from whom women can obtain assistance in discontinuing a drug-induced abortion is available on the Department of Health and Human Services' Internet Web site.
- b. Immediately prior to administering the drug Misoprostol, the physician or qualified professional shall provide medical proof to the woman that fetal death has occurred."

SECTION 2. G.S. 90-21.84 reads as rewritten:

"§ 90-21.84. **Internet Web site.**

The Department shall develop and maintain a stable Internet Web site to provide the information described ~~under~~ in sub-subdivision a. of subdivision (2a) of G.S. 90-21.82 and G.S. 90-21.83. No information regarding who accesses the Web site shall be collected or maintained. The Department shall monitor the Web site on a regular basis to prevent and correct tampering."

SECTION 3. On or before July 1, 2017, the Department of Health and Human Services shall update its Internet Web site to provide information on how, where, and from whom women can obtain assistance in discontinuing the drug-induced abortion process, as required by G.S. 90-21.84, as amended by this act.

SECTION 4. Section 3 of this act is effective when it becomes law. The remainder of this act becomes effective July 1, 2017.

