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## SENATE BILL NO. 102

Introduced by: Senators Nelson, Greenfield (Brock), Jensen (Phil), Netherton, Russell, and Stalzer and Representatives DiSanto, Dennert, Frye-Mueller, Gosch, Greenfield (Lana), Heinemann, Howard, Jensen (Kevin), Kaiser, Latterell, May, Otten (Herman), Pischke, Rozum, Schoenfish, Steinhauer, Willadsen, and York

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require that the name and telephone number of an  
2 organization fighting to end sex trafficking be given, in writing, to any woman seeking an  
3 abortion.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

5 Section 1. That § 34-23A-10.1 be amended to read:

6 34-23A-10.1. No abortion may be performed unless the physician first obtains a voluntary  
7 and informed written consent of the pregnant woman upon whom the physician intends to  
8 perform the abortion, unless the physician determines that obtaining an informed consent is  
9 impossible due to a medical emergency and further determines that delaying in performing the  
10 procedure until an informed consent can be obtained from the pregnant woman or her next of  
11 kin in accordance with chapter 34-12C is impossible due to the medical emergency, which  
12 determinations shall then be documented in the medical records of the patient. A consent to an  
13 abortion is not voluntary and informed, unless, in addition to any other information that must



1 be disclosed under the common law doctrine, the physician provides that pregnant woman with  
2 the following information:

3 (1) A statement in writing providing the following information:

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

5 (b) That the abortion will terminate the life of a whole, separate, unique, living  
6 human being;

7 (c) That the pregnant woman has an existing relationship with that unborn human  
8 being and that the relationship enjoys protection under the United States  
9 Constitution and under the laws of South Dakota;

10 (d) That by having an abortion, her existing relationship and her existing  
11 constitutional rights with regards to that relationship will be terminated;

12 (e) A description of all known medical risks of the procedure and statistically  
13 significant risk factors to which the pregnant woman would be subjected,  
14 including:

15 (i) Depression and related psychological distress;

16 (ii) Increased risk of suicide ideation and suicide;

17 (iii) A statement setting forth an accurate rate of deaths due to abortions,  
18 including all deaths in which the abortion procedure was a substantial  
19 contributing factor;

20 (iv) All other known medical risks to the physical health of the woman,  
21 including the risk of infection, hemorrhage, danger to subsequent  
22 pregnancies, and infertility;

23 (f) The probable gestational age of the unborn child at the time the abortion is to  
24 be performed, and a scientifically accurate statement describing the

1 development of the unborn child at that age;

2 (g) The statistically significant medical risks associated with carrying her child to  
3 term compared to undergoing an induced abortion;

4 (h) That even after a pregnant mother takes Mifepristone it is still possible to  
5 discontinue a drug-induced abortion by not taking the prescribed Misoprostol;  
6 and

7 (i) That information on discontinuing a drug-induced abortion is available on the  
8 Department of Health website.

9 The disclosures set forth above shall be provided to the pregnant woman in writing  
10 and in person in full compliance with § 34-23A-56. The physician shall ensure that  
11 the pregnant woman signs each page of the written disclosure with the certification  
12 that she has read and understands all of the disclosures, prior to the patient signing  
13 a consent for the procedure. If the pregnant woman asks for a clarification or  
14 explanation of any particular disclosure, or asks any other question about a matter of  
15 significance to her, the explanation or answer shall be made in writing and be given  
16 to the pregnant woman before signing a consent for the procedure and shall be made  
17 part of the permanent medical record of the patient;

18 (2) A statement by telephone or in person, by the physician who is to perform the  
19 abortion, or by the referring physician, or by an agent of both, at least twenty-four  
20 hours before the abortion, providing the following information:

21 (a) That medical assistance benefits may be available for prenatal care, childbirth,  
22 and neonatal care;

23 (b) That the father of the unborn child is legally responsible to provide financial  
24 support for her child following birth, and that this legal obligation of the father

1 exists in all instances, even in instances in which the father has offered to pay  
2 for the abortion;

3 (c) The name, address, and telephone number of a pregnancy help center in  
4 reasonable proximity of the abortion facility where the abortion will be  
5 performed; and

6 (d) That she has a right to review all of the material and information described in  
7 § 34-23A-1, §§ 34-23A-1.2 to 34-23A-1.7, inclusive, § 34-23A-10.1, and  
8 § 34-23A-10.3, as well as the printed materials described in § 34-23A-10.3,  
9 and the website described in § 34-23A-10.4. The physician or the physician's  
10 agent shall inform the pregnant woman, orally or in writing, that the materials  
11 have been provided by the State of South Dakota at no charge to the pregnant  
12 woman. If the pregnant woman indicates, at any time, that she wants to review  
13 any of the materials described, such disclosures shall be either given to her at  
14 least twenty-four hours before the abortion or mailed to her at least seventy-  
15 two hours before the abortion by certified mail, restricted delivery to  
16 addressee, which means the postal employee can only deliver the mail to the  
17 addressee;

18 (3) A written statement that sex-selective abortions are illegal in the State of South  
19 Dakota and that a pregnant mother cannot have an abortion, either solely or partly,  
20 due to the unborn child's sex, regardless of whether that unborn child is a girl or a  
21 boy or whether it is of the pregnant mother's free will or the result of the use of  
22 pressure and coercion; and

23 (4) A written notification, prepared and provided to each abortion facility by the  
24 Department of Social Services, that contains the name and telephone number of an

1           organization fighting to end sex trafficking and states the following: "If someone is  
2           sexually abusing you or causing you to exchange sex for something of value, and you  
3           want help, call 911, or the telephone number provided on this notice."

4           Prior to the pregnant woman signing a consent to the abortion, she shall sign a written  
5           statement that indicates that the requirements of this section have been complied with. Prior to  
6           the performance of the abortion, the physician who is to perform the abortion shall receive a  
7           copy of the written disclosure documents required by this section, and shall certify in writing  
8           that all of the information described in those subdivisions has been provided to the pregnant  
9           woman, that the physician is, to the best of his or her ability, satisfied that the pregnant woman  
10          has read the materials which are required to be disclosed, and that the physician believes she  
11          understands the information imparted.