

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB-1280 (First Edition)  
**SHORT TITLE:** Abortion – Women’s Right to Know  
**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Margaret Carpenter

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
	<b>Yes (x)</b>	<b>No ( )</b>	<b>No Estimate Available ( )</b>		
	<b><u>FY 2001-02</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2002-03</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2003-04</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2004-05</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2005-06</u></b>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	\$4,400	\$4,532	\$4,668	\$4,808	\$4,952
<b>POSITIONS:</b>	*				

\* Activity would be handled within existing staff resources.

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &  
PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:** Department of Health and Human Services

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 2001

**BILL SUMMARY:** Requires a twenty-four-hour waiting period and the informed consent of a pregnant women before an abortion may be performed. Adds new article 1G in chapter 90 entitled “Woman’s Right To Know Act.” Makes it unlawful to coerce a woman to undergo an abortion. Requires that before performing an abortion, certain conditions must be met that involve fully informing the woman of potential risks related to the procedure, responsibility of the father, gestational age of the unborn child, assistance programs that the woman may be qualified for if she chooses to have the baby. Additionally, the woman has right to review the printed materials made available by the Department of Health and Human Services at no cost to the physician, who will provide to the woman by certified mail 72 hours prior to the scheduled abortion, upon request. These materials will include services available to the woman, anatomical and physiological characteristics of the unborn child at two-week gestational increments from the time of conception until full term, and information that it is unlawful for any individual to coerce a woman to undergo an abortion.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:**

There are costs associated with the development and dissemination of the brochures with the relevant information. There are approximately 200 hospitals, 1,500 Family Practitioners, 1,500 Obstetricians Gynecologists, 800 midwives and others, and an estimated additional 2,000 requests for this information. The total number of brochure packages is 6,000. The printing of the brochure package is estimated to cost .25 cents each, for a total of \$1,500; the bulk rate postage is .25 cents for mailing the brochure packages to the 6,000 sites, for a total of \$1,500; and other supplies are estimated to cost \$1,400; for a grand total of \$4,400.

The amount is increased by 3% annually to reflect anticipated inflationary adjustments.

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

There would be an additional cost and responsibility on the attending physician for sending out requested information via certified mail; however, this impact has not been projected.

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