

HOUSE BILL NO. 1478
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Introduced by

Representatives Boehm, Kerzman, Sandvig

Senator Wanzek

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 14-02.1-02.1 of the North Dakota Century
2 Code, relating to information to be provided to pregnant women.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 14-02.1-02.1 of the 1995 Supplement to the
5 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **14-02.1-02.1. Printed information.**

- 7 1. The state department of health shall ~~cause to be published~~ publish in English, and
8 in every other language that the department determines is the primary language of
9 a significant number of state residents, ~~within one hundred eighty days after July 1,~~
10 ~~1994,~~ the following easily comprehensible printed materials:
- 11 a. Geographically indexed materials designed to inform the woman of public and
12 private agencies and services available to assist a woman through
13 pregnancy, upon childbirth, and while the child is dependent, including
14 adoption agencies. The materials must include a comprehensive list of the
15 agencies available, a description of the services ~~they~~ the agencies offer and a
16 description of the manner, including telephone numbers, in which ~~they might~~
17 the agencies may be contacted, or, at the option of the department, printed
18 materials including a toll-free, twenty-four hour a day telephone number that
19 may be called to obtain, orally, ~~such~~ a list and description of agencies in the
20 locality of the caller and of the services ~~they~~ the agencies offer.
- 21 b. Materials designed to inform the woman of the probable anatomical and
22 physiological characteristics of the ~~unborn child~~ fetus at ~~two-week~~ four-week
23 gestational increments from the time when a woman can be known to be
24 pregnant to full term, including any relevant information on the possibility of

- 1 the ~~unborn child's~~ survival of the fetus and pictures representing the
2 development of a fetus at four-week gestational increments. The pictures
3 must contain the dimensions of the fetus and must be realistic and
4 appropriate for the stage of pregnancy depicted. The materials must be
5 objective, nonjudgmental, and designed to convey only accurate scientific
6 information about the ~~unborn child~~ fetus at the various gestational ages.
- 7 2. The materials required under this section must be available at ~~no~~ cost from the
8 state department of health upon request and in appropriate number to any person,
9 facility, or hospital.