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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 12.1-31-12, 14-02.1-02, 14-02.1-02.1,  
2 14-02.1-02.2, 14-02.1-03, 14-02.1-03.1, 14-02.1-04, and 14-02.1-07, and subsection 1 of  
3 section 43-17-31 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to abortion and grounds for  
4 disciplinary action imposed against a physician; to repeal sections 14-02.1-04.1, 14-02.1-04.2,  
5 14-02.1-05.1, 14-02.1-05.2, and 14-02.1-05.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to  
6 sex-selective abortions, genetic abnormality abortions, human dismemberment abortions, and  
7 abortions after a detectable heartbeat; to provide a penalty; and to declare an emergency.

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

9 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 12.1-31-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
10 amended and reenacted as follows:

11 **12.1-31-12. Abortion - ~~Affirmative defenses~~Exceptions.**

12 1. As used in this section:

13 a. "Abortion" means the ~~use or prescription of any substance, device, instrument,~~  
14 ~~medicine, or drug to intentionally terminate the pregnancy of an individual known~~  
15 ~~to be pregnant. The term does not include an act made with the intent to increase~~  
16 ~~the probability of a live birth; preserve the life or health of a child after live birth; or~~  
17 ~~remove a dead, unborn child who died as a result of a spontaneous miscarriage,~~  
18 ~~an accidental trauma, or a criminal assault upon the pregnant female or her~~  
19 ~~unborn child~~act of using or prescribing any instrument, medicine, drug, or any  
20 other substance, device, or means with the intent to terminate the clinically  
21 diagnosable pregnancy of a woman, including the elimination of one or more  
22 unborn children in a multifetal pregnancy, with knowledge the termination by  
23 those means will with reasonable likelihood cause the death of the unborn child.  
24 Such use, prescription, or means is not an abortion if done with the intent to:

- 1           (1) Save the life or preserve the health of the unborn child;  
2           (2) Remove a dead unborn child caused by spontaneous abortion; or  
3           (3) Treat a woman for an ectopic pregnancy.
- 4           b. "Medical emergency" means a condition that, in reasonable medical judgment, so  
5           complicates the medical condition of the pregnant woman that it necessitates an  
6           immediate abortion to prevent her death or substantial ~~and irreversible~~ physical  
7           impairment of a major bodily function, not including any psychological or  
8           emotional condition. A condition may not be deemed a medical emergency if  
9           based on a claim or diagnosis that the woman will engage in conduct that she  
10           intends to result in her death or in substantial and irreversible physical  
11           impairment of a major bodily function.
- 12           c. "Physician" means an individual licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy  
13           under chapter 43-17 or a physician who practices in the armed services of the  
14           United States or in the employ of the United States.
- 15           e. "Professional
- 16           d. "Probable gestational age of the unborn child" means what, in reasonable  
17           medical judgment, will with reasonable probability be the gestational age of the  
18           unborn child.
- 19           e. "Reasonable medical judgment" means a medical judgment that would be made  
20           by a reasonably prudent physician who is knowledgeable about the case and the  
21           treatment possibilities with respect to the medical conditions involved.
- 22           2. It is a class C felony for a person, other than the pregnant female upon whom the  
23           abortion was performed, to perform an abortion.
- 24           3. ~~The following are affirmative defenses under this~~ This section does not apply to:
- 25           a. ~~That the~~ An abortion was ~~deemed~~ necessary in professional ~~based on reasonable~~  
26           medical judgment and ~~which~~ was intended to prevent the death of the pregnant  
27           female.
- 28           b. ~~That the~~ An abortion was to terminate a pregnancy that resulted from gross  
29           sexual imposition, sexual imposition, sexual abuse of a ward, or incest, as those  
30           offenses are defined in chapter 12.1-20, if the probable ~~postfertilization~~ gestational  
31           age of the unborn child is six weeks or less.



1           c. ~~That the~~An individual assisting in performing an abortion if the individual was  
2           acting within the scope of that individual's regulated profession ~~and, was~~ under  
3           the direction of or at the direction of a physician, and did not know the physician  
4           was performing an abortion in violation of this section.

5           d. An abortion necessary due to a medical emergency.

6           **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 14-02.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8           **14-02.1-02. Definitions.**

9           As used in this chapter:

- 10          1. "Abortion" means the act of using or prescribing any instrument, medicine, drug, or  
11          any other substance, device, or means with the intent to terminate the clinically  
12          diagnosable ~~intrauterine~~ pregnancy of a woman, including the elimination of one or  
13          more unborn children in a multifetal pregnancy, with knowledge that the termination by  
14          those means will with reasonable likelihood cause the death of the unborn child. Such  
15          use, prescription, or means is not an abortion if done with the intent to:  
16          a. Save the life or preserve the health of the unborn child;  
17          b. Remove a dead unborn child caused by spontaneous abortion; or  
18          c. Treat a woman for an ectopic pregnancy.
- 19          2. "Abortion facility" means a clinic, ambulatory surgical center, physician's office, or any  
20          other place or facility in which abortions are performed or prescribed, other than a  
21          hospital.
- 22          3. "Abortion-inducing drug" means a medicine, drug, or any other substance prescribed  
23          or dispensed with the intent of causing an abortion.
- 24          4. ~~"Down syndrome" refers to a chromosome disorder associated with an extra-~~  
25          ~~chromosome twenty one, in whole or in part, or an effective trisomy for chromosome-~~  
26          ~~twenty one.~~
- 27          5. "Drug label" means the pamphlet accompanying an abortion-inducing drug which  
28          outlines the protocol tested and authorized by the federal food and drug administration  
29          and agreed upon by the drug company applying for the federal food and drug  
30          administration authorization of that drug. Also known as "final printing labeling  
31          instructions", drug label is the federal food and drug administration document that

1 delineates how a drug is to be used according to the federal food and drug  
2 administration approval.

3 ~~6.5.~~ "Fertilization" means the fusion of a human spermatozoon with a human ovum.

4 ~~7.~~ "~~Genetic abnormality~~" means ~~any defect, disease, or disorder that is inherited~~  
5 ~~genetically. The term includes any physical disfigurement, scoliosis, dwarfism, Down-~~  
6 ~~syndrome, albinism, amelia, or any other type of physical or mental disability,~~  
7 ~~abnormality, or disease.~~

8 ~~8.6.~~ "Hospital" means an institution licensed by the department of health and human  
9 services under chapter 23-16 and any hospital operated by the United States or this  
10 state.

11 ~~9.7.~~ "Human being" means an individual living member of the species of homo sapiens,  
12 including the unborn human being during the entire embryonic and fetal ages from  
13 fertilization to full gestation.

14 ~~40.8.~~ "Infant born alive" means a born child which exhibits either heartbeat, spontaneous  
15 respiratory activity, spontaneous movement of voluntary muscles or pulsation of the  
16 umbilical cord if still attached to the child.

17 ~~44.9.~~ "Informed consent" means voluntary consent to abortion by the woman upon whom  
18 the abortion is to be performed or induced provided:

19 a. The woman is told the following by the physician who is to perform the abortion,  
20 by the referring physician, or by the physician's agent, at least twenty-four hours  
21 before the abortion:

22 (1) The name of the physician who will perform the abortion;

23 (2) The abortion will terminate the life of a whole, separate, unique, living  
24 human being;

25 (3) The particular medical risks associated with the particular abortion  
26 procedure to be employed including, when medically accurate, the risks of  
27 infection, hemorrhage, danger to subsequent pregnancies, and infertility;

28 (4) The probable ~~gestational~~~~postfertilization~~ age of the unborn child at the time  
29 the abortion is to be performed; and

30 (5) The medical risks associated with carrying her child to term.



- 1           b. The woman is informed, by the physician or the physician's agent, at least  
2           twenty-four hours before the abortion:
- 3           (1) That medical assistance benefits may be available for prenatal care,  
4           childbirth, and neonatal care and that more detailed information on the  
5           availability of that assistance is contained in the printed materials given to  
6           her as described in section 14-02.1-02.1;
- 7           (2) That the printed materials given to her and described in section  
8           14-02.1-02.1 describe the unborn child and list agencies that offer  
9           alternatives to abortion;
- 10          (3) That the father is liable to assist in the support of her child, even in  
11          instances in which the father has offered to pay for the abortion;
- 12          (4) That she is free to withhold or withdraw her consent to the abortion at any  
13          time without affecting her right to future care or treatment and without the  
14          loss of any state or federally funded benefits to which she might otherwise  
15          be entitled; and
- 16          (5) That it may be possible to reverse the effects of an abortion-inducing drug if  
17          she changes her mind, but time is of the essence, and information and  
18          assistance with reversing the effects of an abortion-inducing drug are  
19          available in the printed materials given to her as described in section  
20          14-02.1-02.1.
- 21          c. The woman certifies in writing, ~~prior to~~before the abortion, that the information  
22          described in subdivisions a and b has been furnished to her.
- 23          d. Before the performance of the abortion, the physician who is to perform or induce  
24          the abortion or the physician's agent receives a copy of the written certification  
25          prescribed by subdivision c.
- 26          e. The physician has not received or obtained payment for a service provided to a  
27          patient who has inquired about an abortion or has scheduled an abortion before  
28          the twenty-four-hour period required by this section.
- 29    ~~42:10.~~ "Medical emergency" means a condition that, in reasonable medical judgment, so  
30          complicates the medical condition of the pregnant woman that it necessitates an  
31          immediate abortion ~~of her pregnancy without first determining postfertilization age to~~

1            ~~avert~~prevent her death or ~~for which the delay necessary to determine postfertilization-~~  
2            ~~age will create serious risk of substantial~~ and irreversible physical impairment of a  
3            major bodily function, not including psychological or emotional conditions. A condition  
4            may not be deemed a medical emergency if based on a claim or diagnosis that the  
5            woman will engage in conduct that she intends to result in her death or in substantial  
6            and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function.

7    ~~43.11.~~ "Physician" means an individual ~~who is~~ licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy  
8            under chapter 43-17 or a physician who practices in the armed services of the United  
9            States or in the employ of the United States.

10 ~~44.12.~~ ~~Postfertilization age" means the age of the unborn child as calculated from-~~  
11 ~~fertilization."~~

12    ~~45.~~ "Probable gestational age of the unborn child" means what, in reasonable medical  
13            judgment, will with reasonable probability be the gestational age of the unborn child ~~at-~~  
14            the time the abortion is planned to be performed.

15 ~~46.13.~~ ~~"Probable postfertilization age of the unborn child" means what, in reasonable medical-~~  
16 ~~judgment, will with reasonable probability be the postfertilization age of the unborn-~~  
17 ~~child at the time the abortion is planned to be performed or induced.~~

18 ~~47.14.13.~~ "Reasonable medical judgment" means a medical judgment that would be made by a  
19            reasonably prudent physician, knowledgeable about the case and the treatment  
20            possibilities with respect to the medical conditions involved.

21 ~~48.15.14.~~ "Unborn child" means the offspring of human beings from conception until birth.

22 ~~49.16.15.~~ "Viable" means the ability of an unborn child to live outside the mother's womb, albeit  
23            with artificial aid.

24            **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 14-02.1-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
25            amended and reenacted as follows:

26            **14-02.1-02.1. Printed information - Referral service.**

- 27            1. The department of health and human services shall publish in English, and in every  
28            other language that the department determines is the primary language of a significant  
29            number of state residents, the following easily comprehensible printed materials:
- 30            a. Geographically indexed materials designed to inform the woman of public and  
31            private agencies and services available to assist a woman through pregnancy,



1           upon childbirth, and while the child is dependent, including adoption agencies.  
2           The materials must include a comprehensive list of the agencies available, a  
3           description of the services they offer and a description of the manner, including  
4           telephone numbers, in which they might be contacted, or, at the option of the  
5           department, printed materials, including a toll-free, twenty-four-hour-a-day  
6           telephone number that may be called to obtain, orally, such a list and description  
7           of agencies in the locality of the caller and of the services they offer. The  
8           materials must state that it is unlawful for any individual to coerce a woman to  
9           undergo an abortion and that if a minor is denied financial support by the minor's  
10          parent, guardian, or custodian due to the minor's refusal to have an abortion  
11          performed, the minor is deemed to be emancipated for the purposes of eligibility  
12          for public assistance benefits, except that those benefits may not be used to  
13          obtain an abortion. The materials also must state that any physician who  
14          performs an abortion upon a woman without her informed consent may be liable  
15          to her for damages in a civil action and that the law permits adoptive parents to  
16          pay costs of prenatal care, childbirth, and neonatal care. The materials must  
17          include the following statement: There are many public and private agencies  
18          willing and able to help you to carry your child to term and to assist you and your  
19          child after your child is born, whether you choose to keep your child or to place  
20          your child for adoption. The state of North Dakota strongly urges you to contact  
21          one or more of these agencies before making a final decision about abortion. The  
22          law requires that your physician or your physician's agent give you the  
23          opportunity to call agencies like these before you undergo an abortion.

- 24          b. Materials, published in a booklet format, designed to inform the woman of the  
25          probable anatomical and physiological characteristics of the unborn child at  
26          two-week gestational increments from the time when a woman can be known to  
27          be pregnant to full term, including any relevant information on the possibility of  
28          the survival of the unborn child and color photographs of the development of an  
29          unborn child at two-week gestational increments. The descriptions must include  
30          information about brain and heart function, the presence of external members  
31          and internal organs during the applicable states of development, and any

- 1 relevant information on the possibility of the unborn child's survival. The materials  
2 must be objective, nonjudgmental, and designed to convey only accurate  
3 scientific information about the unborn child at the various gestational ages. The  
4 materials required under this subsection must be reviewed, updated, and  
5 reprinted as needed.
- 6 c. Materials that include information on the support obligations of the father of a  
7 child who is born alive, including the father's legal duty to support his child, which  
8 may include child support payments and health insurance, and the fact that  
9 paternity may be established by the father's signature on an acknowledgment of  
10 paternity or by court action. The printed material must also state that more  
11 information concerning paternity establishment and child support services and  
12 enforcement may be obtained by calling state public assistance agencies or  
13 human service zones.
- 14 d. Materials that contain objective information describing the various surgical and  
15 drug-induced methods of abortion as well as the immediate and long-term  
16 medical risks commonly associated with each abortion method, including the  
17 risks of infection, hemorrhage, cervical or uterine perforation or rupture, danger to  
18 subsequent pregnancies, the possible increased risk of breast cancer, the  
19 possible adverse psychological effects associated with an abortion, and the  
20 medical risks associated with carrying a child to term.
- 21 e. Materials including information it may be possible to reverse the effects of an  
22 abortion-inducing drug but time is of the essence. The materials must include  
23 information directing the patient where to obtain further information and  
24 assistance in locating a medical professional who can aid in the reversal of  
25 abortion-inducing drugs, such as mifepristone and misoprostol.
- 26 f. Materials including a notice that the performance of certain abortions is prohibited  
27 by law.
- 28 2. The materials required under subsection 1 must be available at no cost from the  
29 department of health and human services upon request and in appropriate number to  
30 any person, facility, or hospital, and, except for copyrighted material, must be available



1 on the department's internet website. The department may make the copyrighted  
2 material available on its internet website if the department pays the copyright royalties.

3 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 14-02.1-02.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
4 amended and reenacted as follows:

5 **14-02.1-02.2. Abortion report form.**

6 The department of health and human services shall prepare an abortion compliance report  
7 form and an abortion data report form to be used by the physician for each abortion performed,  
8 as required by section 14-02.1-07. The abortion compliance report form must include a checklist  
9 designed to confirm compliance with all provisions of this chapter, chapter 14-02.3, chapter  
10 14-02.6, and section 23-16-14. The abortion data report form must include the:

- 11 1. The data called for in the United States standard report of induced termination of  
12 pregnancy as recommended by the national center for health statistics; and
- 13 2. Whether the abortion was:
  - 14 a. Necessary in reasonable medical judgment and was intended to prevent the  
15 death of the pregnant female; or
  - 16 b. To terminate a pregnancy that resulted from gross sexual imposition, sexual  
17 imposition, sexual abuse of a ward, or incest, as those offenses are defined in  
18 chapter 12.1-20.

19 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 14-02.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
20 amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **14-02.1-03. Consent to abortion - Notification requirements.**

- 22 1. ~~No~~A physician ~~shall~~may not perform an abortion unless ~~prior to~~before such  
23 performance the physician certified in writing that the woman gave her informed  
24 consent as defined and provided in section 14-02.1-02 and shall certify in writing the  
25 pregnant woman's marital status and age based upon proof of age offered by her.  
26 Before the period of pregnancy when the unborn child may reasonably be expected to  
27 have reached viability, an abortion may not be performed upon an unemancipated  
28 minor unless the attending physician certifies in writing that each of the parents of the  
29 minor requesting the abortion has been provided by the physician in person with the  
30 information provided for in section 14-02.1-02 at least twenty-four hours before the  
31 minor's consent to the performance of abortion or unless the attending physician

- 1 certifies in writing that the physician has caused materials of section 14-02.1-02 to be  
2 posted by certified mail to each of the parents of the minor separately to the  
3 last-known addresses at least forty-eight hours ~~prior to~~before the minor's consent to  
4 the performance of abortion. If a parent of the minor has died or rights and interests of  
5 that parent have been legally terminated, this subsection applies to the sole remaining  
6 parent. When both parents have died or the rights and interests of both parents have  
7 been legally terminated, this subsection applies to the guardian or other person  
8 standing in loco parentis. Notification by the attending physician is not required if the  
9 minor elects not to allow the notification of one or both parents or her guardian and the  
10 abortion is authorized by the juvenile court in accordance with section 14-02.1-03.1.  
11 None of the requirements of this subsection apply in the case of a medical emergency,  
12 except that when a medical emergency compels the performance of an abortion, the  
13 physician shall inform the woman, before the abortion if possible, of the medical  
14 indications supporting the physician's judgment that an abortion is necessary to avert  
15 her death or for which a twenty-four-hour delay will create grave peril of immediate  
16 and irreversible loss of major bodily function, and shall certify those indications in  
17 writing.
- 18 2. Subsequent to the period of pregnancy when the unborn child may reasonably be  
19 expected to have reached viability, ~~no~~an abortion, other than an abortion necessary to  
20 preserve her life, or because the continuation of her pregnancy will impose on her a  
21 substantial risk of grave impairment of her physical ~~or mental~~ health, may not be  
22 performed upon any woman in the absence of:
- 23 a. ~~The written consent of her husband unless her husband is voluntarily separated~~  
24 ~~from her; or~~
- 25 b. ~~The~~ the written consent of a parent, if living, or the custodian or legal guardian of  
26 the woman, if the woman is unmarried and under eighteen years of age.
- 27 3. No executive officer, administrative agency, or public employee of the state of North  
28 Dakota or any local governmental body has power to issue any order requiring an  
29 abortion, nor shall any such officer or entity coerce any woman to have an abortion,  
30 nor shall any other person coerce any woman to have an abortion.



1       **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 14-02.1-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3       **14-02.1-03.1. Parental consent or judicial authorization for abortion of unmarried**  
4 **minor - Statement of intent.**

5       The legislative assembly intends to encourage unmarried pregnant minors to seek the  
6 advice and counsel of their parents when faced with the difficult decision of whether or not to  
7 bear a child, to foster parental involvement in the making of that decision when parental  
8 involvement is in the best interests of the minor and to do so in a manner that does not unduly  
9 burden the right to seek an abortion.

- 10       1. ~~No~~A person may not knowingly perform an abortion upon a pregnant woman under  
11 the age of eighteen years unless:
- 12       a. The attending physician has secured the written consent of the minor woman and  
13 both parents, if living, or the surviving parent if one parent is deceased, or the  
14 custodial parent if the parents are separated or divorced, or the legal guardian or  
15 guardians if the minor is subject to guardianship;
  - 16       b. The minor woman is married and the attending physician has secured her  
17 informed written consent; or
  - 18       c. The abortion has been authorized by the juvenile court in accordance with the  
19 provisions of this section.
- 20       2. Any pregnant woman under the age of eighteen or next friend is entitled to apply to  
21 the juvenile court for authorization to obtain an abortion without parental consent. All  
22 proceedings on such application must be conducted in the juvenile court of the county  
23 of the minor's residence before a juvenile judge or referee, if authorized by the juvenile  
24 court judge in accordance with the provisions of chapter 27-05, except that the  
25 parental notification requirements of rules 3, 4, and 5 of the North Dakota Rules of  
26 Juvenile Procedure are not applicable to proceedings under this section. A court may  
27 change the venue of proceedings under this section to another county only upon  
28 finding that a transfer is required in the best interests of the minor. All applications in  
29 accordance with this section must be heard by a juvenile judge or referee within  
30 forty-eight hours, excluding Saturdays and Sundays, of receipt of the application. The  
31 juvenile judge or referee shall find by clear and convincing evidence:

- 1           a. Whether or not the minor is sufficiently mature and well informed with regard to  
2           the nature, effects, and possible consequences of both having an abortion and  
3           bearing her child to be able to choose intelligently among the alternatives.
- 4           b. If the minor is not sufficiently mature and well informed to choose intelligently  
5           among the alternatives without the advice and counsel of her parents or  
6           guardian, whether or not it would be in the best interests of the minor to notify her  
7           parents or guardian of the proceedings and call in the parents or guardian to  
8           advise and counsel the minor and aid the court in making its determination and to  
9           assist the minor in making her decision.
- 10          c. If the minor is not sufficiently mature and well informed to choose intelligently  
11          among the alternatives and it is found not to be in the best interests of the minor  
12          to notify and call in her parents or guardian for advice and counsel, whether an  
13          abortion or some other alternative would be in the best interests of the minor.
- 14          3. All proceedings in connection with this section must be kept confidential and the  
15          identity of the minor must be protected in accordance with provisions relating to all  
16          juvenile court proceedings. This section does not limit the release, upon request, of  
17          statistical information regarding applications made under this section and their  
18          disposition.
- 19          4. The court shall keep a stenographic or mechanically recorded record of the  
20          proceedings which must be maintained on record for forty-eight hours following the  
21          proceedings. If no appeal is taken from an order of the court pursuant to the  
22          proceedings, the record of the proceedings must be sealed as soon as practicable  
23          following such forty-eight-hour period.
- 24          5. Following the hearing and the court's inquiry of the minor, the court shall issue one of  
25          the following orders:
  - 26               a. If the minor is sufficiently mature and well informed concerning the alternatives  
27               and without the need for further information, advice, or counseling, the court shall  
28               issue an order authorizing a competent physician to perform the abortion  
29               procedure on the minor.
  - 30               b. If the minor is not sufficiently mature and well informed, the court may:



- 1           (1) Issue an order to provide the minor with any necessary information to assist  
2           her in her decision if the minor is mature enough to make the decision but  
3           not well informed enough to do so.
- 4           (2) Issue an order to notify the minor's parents or guardian of the pendency of  
5           the proceedings and calling for their attendance at a reconvening of the  
6           hearing in order to advise and counsel the minor and assist the court in  
7           making its determination if the court finds that to do so would be in the best  
8           interests of the minor and the pregnancy resulted from gross sexual  
9           imposition, sexual imposition, sexual abuse of a ward, or incest, as those  
10          offenses are defined in chapter 12.1-20.
- 11          (3) Issue an order authorizing an abortion by a competent physician if the court  
12          has determined that it would not be in the best interests of the minor to call  
13          in her parents or guardian but has found that it would be in the minor's best  
14          interests to authorize the abortion.
- 15          6. The minor or next friend may appeal the determination of the juvenile court directly to  
16          the state supreme court. In the event of such an appeal, any and all orders of the  
17          juvenile court must be automatically stayed pending determination of the issues on  
18          appeal. Any appeal taken pursuant to this section by anyone other than the minor or  
19          next friend must be taken within forty-eight hours of the determination of the juvenile  
20          court by the filing of written notice with the juvenile court and a written application in  
21          the supreme court. Failure to file notice and application within the prescribed time  
22          results in a forfeiture of the right to appeal and render the juvenile court order or orders  
23          effective for all intents and purposes.
- 24          7. Upon receipt of written notice of appeal, the juvenile court shall immediately cause to  
25          be transmitted to the supreme court the record of proceedings had in the juvenile  
26          court.
- 27          8. An application for appeal pursuant to this section must be treated as an expedited  
28          appeal by the supreme court and must be set down for hearing within four days of  
29          receipt of the application, excluding Saturdays and Sundays.
- 30          9. The hearing, inquiry, and determination of the supreme court must be limited to a  
31          determination of the sufficiency of the inquiry and information considered by the

1 juvenile court and whether or not the order or orders of the juvenile court accord with  
2 the information considered with respect to the maturity and information available to the  
3 minor and the best interests of the minor as determined by the juvenile court. The  
4 determination of the juvenile court may not be overturned unless found to be clearly  
5 erroneous.

6 10. After hearing the matter the supreme court shall issue its decision within twenty-four  
7 hours.

8 11. Within forty-eight hours of the hearing by the supreme court, the record of the juvenile  
9 court must be returned to the juvenile court and the juvenile court shall seal it at the  
10 earliest practicable time.

11 12. Nothing in this section may be construed to prevent the immediate performance of an  
12 abortion on an unmarried minor woman in ana medical emergency ~~where such action~~  
13 ~~is necessary to preserve her life and no physician may be prevented from acting in~~  
14 ~~good faith in such circumstances or made to suffer any sanction thereby other than~~  
15 ~~those applicable in the normal course of events to the general review of emergency~~  
16 ~~and nonemergency medical procedures.~~

17 13. Nothing in this section may be construed to alter the effects of any other section of this  
18 chapter or to expand the rights of any minor to obtain an abortion beyond the limits to  
19 such rights recognized under the Constitution of the United States or under other  
20 provisions of this code.

21 **SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Section 14-02.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
22 amended and reenacted as follows:

23 **14-02.1-04. Limitations on the performance of abortions - Penalty.**

24 1. An abortion may not be performed by any person other than a physician who is using  
25 applicable medical standards and who is licensed to practice in this state. All  
26 physicians performing abortion procedures must have admitting privileges at a hospital  
27 located within thirty miles [42.28 kilometers] of the abortion facility and staff privileges  
28 to replace hospital on-staff physicians at that hospital. These privileges must include  
29 the abortion procedures the physician will be performing at abortion facilities. An  
30 abortion facility must have a staff member trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation



- 1 present at all times when the abortion facility is open and abortions are scheduled to  
2 be performed.
- 3 2. After the first twelve weeks of pregnancy but ~~prior to~~before the time at which the  
4 unborn child may reasonably be expected to have reached viability, ~~an~~an abortion may  
5 not be performed in any facility other than a licensed hospital.
- 6 3. After the point in pregnancy when the unborn child may reasonably be expected to  
7 have reached viability, ~~an~~an abortion may be performed ~~except in a hospital, and then~~  
8 only if in the medical judgment of the physician the abortion is necessary to preserve  
9 the life of the woman ~~or if in the physician's medical judgment the continuation of her~~  
10 ~~pregnancy will impose on her a substantial risk of grave impairment of her physical or~~  
11 ~~mental health.~~
- 12 An abortion under this subsection may only be performed if the above-mentioned  
13 medical judgment of the physician who is to perform the abortion is first certified by the  
14 physician in writing, setting forth in detail the facts upon which the physician relies in  
15 making this judgment and if this judgment has been concurred in by two other licensed  
16 physicians who have examined the patient. The foregoing certification and  
17 concurrence is not required in the case of ~~an~~a medical emergency when the abortion  
18 is necessary to preserve the life of the patient.
- 19 4. An abortion facility may not perform an abortion on a woman without first offering the  
20 woman an opportunity to receive and view at the abortion facility or another facility an  
21 active ultrasound of her unborn child. The offer and opportunity to receive and view an  
22 ultrasound must occur at least twenty-four hours before the abortion is scheduled to  
23 be performed. The active ultrasound image must be of a quality consistent with  
24 standard medical practice in the community, contain the dimensions of the unborn  
25 child, and accurately portray the presence of external members and internal organs,  
26 including the heartbeat, if present or viewable, of the unborn child. The auscultation of  
27 the fetal heart tone must be of a quality consistent with standard medical practice in  
28 the community. The abortion facility shall document the woman's response to the offer,  
29 including the date and time of the offer and the woman's signature attesting to her  
30 informed decision.

1       5. Any physician who performs an abortion without complying with the provisions of this  
2 section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

3       6. It is a class B felony for any person, other than a physician licensed under chapter  
4 43-17, to perform an abortion in this state.

5       **SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Section 14-02.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7       **14-02.1-07. Records required - Reporting of practice of abortion.**

8       1. Records:

9       a. All abortion facilities and hospitals in which abortions are performed shall keep  
10 records, including admission and discharge notes, histories, results of tests and  
11 examinations, nurses' worksheets, social service records, and progress notes,  
12 and shall further keep a copy of all written certifications provided for in this  
13 chapter as well as a copy of the constructive notice forms, consent forms, court  
14 orders, abortion data reports, adverse event reports, abortion compliance reports,  
15 and complication reports. All abortion facilities shall keep the following records:

16       (1) The number of women who availed themselves of the opportunity to receive  
17 and view an ultrasound image of their unborn children pursuant to section  
18 14-02.1-04, and the number who did not; and of each of those numbers, the  
19 number who, to the best of the reporting abortion facility's information and  
20 belief, went on to obtain the abortion.

21       (2) Postfertilization age:

22       (a) ~~If a determination of probable postfertilization age was not made, the~~  
23 ~~basis of the determination that a medical emergency existed.~~ A record  
24 of the probable gestational age of the unborn child at the time of the  
25 abortion. If a probable gestational age of the unborn child was not  
26 made because of a medical emergency, the record must include the  
27 basis of the determination that a medical emergency existed.

28       (b) ~~If the probable postfertilization age was determined to be twenty or~~  
29 ~~more weeks and an abortion was performed, the basis of the~~  
30 ~~determination that a medical emergency existed.~~



- 1           b. The medical records of abortion facilities and hospitals in which abortions are  
2           performed and all information contained therein must remain confidential and  
3           may be used by the department of health and human services only for gathering  
4           statistical data and ensuring compliance with the provisions of this chapter.
- 5           c. Records must be maintained in the permanent files of the hospital or abortion  
6           facility for a period of not less than seven years.
- 7        2. Reporting:
- 8           a. An individual abortion compliance report and an individual abortion data report for  
9           each abortion performed upon a woman must be completed by her attending  
10          physician. The abortion data report must be confidential and may not contain the  
11          name of the woman. The abortion data report must include the data called for in  
12          the United States standard report of induced termination of pregnancy as  
13          recommended by the national center for health statistics and whether:
- 14          (1) The abortion was performed to prevent the death of the pregnant female; or  
15          (2) The pregnancy resulted from gross sexual imposition, sexual imposition,  
16          sexual abuse of a ward, or incest, as those offenses are defined in chapter  
17          12.1-20.
- 18          b. All abortion compliance reports must be signed by the attending physician within  
19          twenty-four hours and submitted to the department of health and human services  
20          within ten business days from the date of the abortion. All abortion data and  
21          complication reports must be signed by the attending physician and submitted to  
22          the department of health and human services within thirty days from the date of  
23          the abortion. If a physician provides an abortion-inducing drug to another for the  
24          purpose of inducing an abortion and the physician knows that the individual  
25          experiences during or after the use an adverse event, the physician shall provide  
26          a written report of the adverse event within thirty days of the event to the  
27          department of health and human services and the federal food and drug  
28          administration via the medwatch reporting system. For purposes of this section,  
29          "adverse event" is defined based upon the federal food and drug administration  
30          criteria given in the medwatch reporting system. If a determination of probable  
31          postfertilizationgestational age of the unborn child was not made, the abortion

1 compliance report must state the basis of the determination that a medical  
2 emergency existed. ~~If the probable postfertilization age was determined to be~~  
3 ~~twenty or more weeks and an abortion was performed, the abortion compliance~~  
4 ~~report must state the basis of the determination that a medical emergency~~  
5 ~~existed.~~

- 6 c. A copy of the abortion report, any complication report, and any adverse event  
7 report must be made a part of the medical record of the patient at the facility or  
8 hospital in which the abortion was performed. In cases when post-abortion  
9 complications are discovered, diagnosed, or treated by physicians not associated  
10 with the facility or hospital where the abortion was performed, the department of  
11 health and human services shall forward a copy of the report to that facility or  
12 hospital to be made a part of the patient's permanent record.
- 13 d. The department of health and human services is responsible for collecting all  
14 abortion compliance reports, abortion data reports, complication reports, and  
15 adverse event reports and collating and evaluating all data gathered from these  
16 reports and shall annually publish a statistical report based on data from  
17 abortions performed in the previous calendar year. All abortion compliance  
18 reports received by the department of health and human services are public  
19 records. Except for disclosure to a law enforcement officer or state agency, the  
20 department may not disclose an abortion compliance report without first removing  
21 any individually identifiable health information and any other demographic  
22 information, including race, marital status, number of previous live births, and  
23 education regarding the woman upon whom the abortion was performed.
- 24 e. The department of health and human services shall report to the attorney general  
25 any apparent violation of this chapter.

26 **SECTION 9. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 43-17-31 of the North Dakota Century  
27 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 28 1. Disciplinary action may be imposed against a physician upon any of the following  
29 grounds:



- 1           a. The use of any false, fraudulent, or forged statement or document, or the use of
- 2                   any fraudulent, deceitful, dishonest, or immoral practice, in connection with any of
- 3                   the licensing requirements.
- 4           b. The making of false or misleading statements about the physician's skill or the
- 5                   efficacy of any medicine, treatment, or remedy.
- 6           c. The conviction of any misdemeanor determined by the board to have a direct
- 7                   bearing upon a person's ability to serve the public as a practitioner of medicine or
- 8                   any felony. A license may not be withheld contrary to the provisions of
- 9                   chapter 12.1-33.
- 10          d. Habitual use of alcohol or drugs.
- 11          e. Physical or mental disability materially affecting the ability to perform the duties of
- 12                   a physician in a competent manner.
- 13          f. The performance of any dishonorable, unethical, or unprofessional conduct likely
- 14                   to deceive, defraud, or harm the public.
- 15          g. Obtaining any fee by fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation.
- 16          h. Aiding or abetting the practice of medicine by an unlicensed, incompetent, or
- 17                   impaired person.
- 18          i. The violation of any provision of a medical practice act or the rules and
- 19                   regulations of the board, or any action, stipulation, condition, or agreement
- 20                   imposed by the board or its investigative panels.
- 21          j. The practice of medicine under a false or assumed name.
- 22          k. The advertising for the practice of medicine in an untrue or deceptive manner.
- 23          l. The representation to a patient that a manifestly incurable condition, sickness,
- 24                   disease, or injury can be cured.
- 25          m. The willful or negligent violation of the confidentiality between physician and
- 26                   patient, except as required by law.
- 27          n. The failure of a doctor of osteopathy to designate that person's school of practice
- 28                   in the professional use of that person's name by such terms as "osteopathic
- 29                   physician and surgeon", "doctor of osteopathy", "D.O.", or similar terms.
- 30          o. Gross negligence in the practice of medicine.

- 1 p. Sexual abuse, misconduct, or exploitation related to the licensee's practice of  
2 medicine.
- 3 q. The prescription, sale, administration, distribution, or gift of any drug legally  
4 classified as a controlled substance or as an addictive or dangerous drug for  
5 other than medically accepted therapeutic purposes.
- 6 r. The payment or receipt, directly or indirectly, of any fee, commission, rebate, or  
7 other compensation for medical services not actually or personally rendered, or  
8 for patient referrals; this prohibition does not affect the lawful distributions of  
9 professional partnerships, corporations, limited liability companies, or  
10 associations.
- 11 s. The failure to comply with the reporting requirements of section 43-17.1-05.1.
- 12 t. The failure to transfer medical records to another physician or to supply copies of  
13 those records to the patient or to the patient's representative when requested to  
14 do so by the patient or the patient's designated representative, except if the  
15 disclosure is otherwise limited or prohibited by law. A reasonable charge for  
16 record copies may be assessed.
- 17 u. A continued pattern of inappropriate care as a physician, including unnecessary  
18 surgery.
- 19 v. The use of any false, fraudulent, or deceptive statement in any document  
20 connected with the practice of medicine.
- 21 w. The prescribing, selling, administering, distributing, or giving to oneself or to one's  
22 spouse or child any drug legally classified as a controlled substance or  
23 recognized as an addictive or dangerous drug.
- 24 x. The violation of any state or federal statute or regulation relating to controlled  
25 substances.
- 26 y. The imposition by another state or jurisdiction of disciplinary action against a  
27 license or other authorization to practice medicine based upon acts or conduct by  
28 the physician that would constitute grounds for disciplinary action as set forth in  
29 this section. A certified copy of the record of the action taken by the other state or  
30 jurisdiction is conclusive evidence of that action.



- 1           z. The lack of appropriate documentation in medical records for diagnosis, testing,  
2           and treatment of patients.
- 3           aa. The failure to properly monitor a fluoroscopy technologist or an emergency  
4           medical technician.
- 5           bb. The failure to furnish the board or the investigative panel, their investigators, or  
6           representatives information legally requested by the board or the investigative  
7           panel.
- 8           cc. ~~The performance of an abortion on a pregnant woman prior to determining if the~~  
9           ~~unborn child the pregnant woman is carrying has a detectable heartbeat, as~~  
10          ~~provided in subsection 1 of section 14-02.1-05.1.~~
- 11          ~~dd.~~ Noncompliance with the physician health program established under chapter  
12          43-17.3.

13          **SECTION 10. REPEAL.** Sections 14-02.1-04.1, 14-02.1-04.2, 14-02.1-05.1, 14-02.1-05.2,  
14          and 14-02.1-05.3 of the North Dakota Century Code are repealed.

15          **SECTION 11. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

