

SENATE, No. 1617

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
220th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires certain ultrasounds on pregnant women to be performed by licensed health care professionals.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the performance of ultrasounds on pregnant
2 women by licensed health care professionals and supplementing
3 Title 45 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. The performance of any ultrasound on a pregnant woman
9 in a limited service pregnancy center shall be performed by a health
10 care professional whose scope of practice includes performing
11 ultrasounds.

12 b. For the purposes of this section:

13 “Health care professional” means a person licensed or otherwise
14 authorized pursuant to Title 45 or Title 52 of the Revised Statutes to
15 practice a health care profession that is regulated by the Director of
16 the Division of Consumer Affairs or by one of the professional
17 licensing boards located thereunder.

18 “Limited service pregnancy center” means an organization,
19 including a pregnancy counseling organization or crisis pregnancy
20 center, that for a fee or free of charge provides pregnancy
21 counseling or information but does not perform abortions or make
22 referrals to an abortion provider and is not licensed or certified by
23 this State or the federal government to provide medical or health
24 care services. “Limited service pregnancy center” shall not include
25 a health care provider, a hospital, an abortion clinic, or a family
26 planning clinic that performs abortions, provides contraception, or
27 provides abortion or contraception referrals.

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29 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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32 STATEMENT

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34 This bill provides that the performance of any ultrasound on a
35 pregnant woman in a limited service pregnancy center shall be
36 performed by a health care professional whose scope of practice
37 includes performing ultrasounds.

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