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Bill Analysis

SB 614 requires abortion facilities in the state to conspicuously post a sign warning patients about certain risks associated with mifepristone if certain actions are not taken. The sign must be posted in the waiting room in the case of freestanding clinics and the patient admission area used by patients where abortions are performed in hospitals.

Physicians must also inform patients of the possibility to reverse the process 24 hours before the procedure is performed. Physicians must also issue discharge information containing the same information as required by the sign. In medical emergencies, the physician must inform the patient that, in their judgement, an abortion is necessary and must be implemented immediately. The State Department of Health will be required to maintain the content of the required signage and content highlighting the reversibility of the procedure on the Department's website.

Persons who are convicted of recklessly violating the provisions of this measure are guilty of a felony and subject to a fine of \$10,000.00. Each day a clinic or person conducts an abortion without the necessary signage constitutes a separate offense. Such persons will also be liable for civil damages from the father of the child, mother of the child, or legal guardian when the patient is a minor. The shall rule whether the anonymity of any female upon whom an abortion has been performed or attempted shall be preserved from public disclosure if she does not give her consent to such disclosure.

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