

## Senate Bill 66

By: Senators Schaefer of the 50th, Williams of the 19th, Rogers of the 21st, Douglas of the 17th, Hudgens of the 47th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 5 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to abortion, so as to require access to certain medical equipment for facilities where  
3 abortions are performed and facilities of physicians who refer for abortions; to require such  
4 facilities to perform certain procedures prior to performing an abortion; to provide for certain  
5 forms; to provide a penalty for violations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting  
6 laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 5 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
10 abortion, is amended by adding a new Code Section 16-12-141.2 to read as follows:

11 "16-12-141.2.

12 (a) All facilities in which abortions are performed and all facilities of physicians who refer  
13 for abortions either shall have functional ultrasound or sonogram equipment on site or shall  
14 provide information regarding medical facilities that provide ultrasound or sonogram  
15 services.

16 (b) An ultrasound or sonogram examination of each unborn child shall be performed prior  
17 to an abortion being performed or a referral for an abortion being made. Such examination  
18 may be performed on site or by referral to another medical facility for the performance of  
19 such examination.

20 (c) As a part of the informed consent to the abortion procedure, a pregnant female desiring  
21 an abortion shall be offered an opportunity to view the ultrasound or sonogram image of  
22 her unborn child. The pregnant female shall be provided with a list of health care  
23 providers, facilities, and clinics that offer to perform ultrasound or sonogram examinations  
24 free of charge. The list shall be arranged geographically and shall include the name,  
25 address, hours of operation, and telephone number of each listed entity.

1 (d) The Department of Human Resources shall develop and distribute a form by which  
2 physicians who perform abortions or refer for abortions may verify that the pregnant  
3 female was offered an opportunity to view the ultrasound or sonogram image of her unborn  
4 child prior to the abortion being performed.

5 (e) It shall be illegal to fail intentionally or to refuse to offer a pregnant female desiring an  
6 abortion an opportunity to view the ultrasound or sonogram image of her unborn child prior  
7 to performing an abortion. Violation of this Code section shall be punished as for a  
8 misdemeanor."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.