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H.B. No. 3446

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to signs required to be displayed at certain facilities that perform abortions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 171, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Sections 171.0125 and 171.0126 to read as follows:

Sec. 171.0125. REQUIRED SIGNS AT CERTAIN FACILITIES: AVAILABLE RESOURCES. (a) An ambulatory surgical center licensed under Chapter 243 that performs more than 50 abortions in any 12-month period or an abortion facility licensed under Chapter 245 shall conspicuously display a sign that satisfies the requirements of this section in each patient admission area, waiting room, and patient consulting room.

(b) The sign required by this section must be in English and Spanish and display the following text:

You can't be forced. No one can make you have an abortion against your will, even if you are a minor. In fact, forcing a minor to have an abortion is considered child abuse. If you are a minor being forced into making a particular decision, you can report it by calling the Texas Abuse Hotline at 1-800-252-5400. The call is free and the hotline operates 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

You and the father. The father of your child must provide

1 support for the child, even if he has offered to pay for an  
2 abortion. The Child Support Division of the Office of the  
3 Attorney General can help you locate your child's father and  
4 determine that he is the father. The Child Support Division  
5 can also help establish and enforce child support orders and  
6 collect money owed, as well as distribute child support  
7 payments. To learn more about child support services, call  
8 the Child Support Division at (512) 460-6000.

9 You and adoption. The law allows adoptive parents to pay  
10 costs of prenatal care, childbirth, and newborn care. To  
11 learn more about adoption services and the organizations  
12 available to assist you, call Woman's Right to Know at (512)  
13 776-6917.

14 You are not alone. Many agencies are willing to help you carry  
15 your child to term and to assist you after your child's birth.  
16 This includes providing access to health care services for  
17 mother and baby, supplies, healthy food items, nutrition  
18 education, and in-home support.

19 (c) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human  
20 Services Commission shall adopt rules as necessary to implement and  
21 enforce this section.

22 Sec. 171.0126. REQUIRED SIGNS AT CERTAIN FACILITIES: HUMAN  
23 TRAFFICKING. (a) An ambulatory surgical center licensed under  
24 Chapter 243 that performs more than 50 abortions in any 12-month  
25 period or an abortion facility licensed under Chapter 245 shall  
26 conspicuously display a sign that satisfies the requirements of  
27 this section in each patient admission area, waiting room, and

1 patient consulting room.

2 (b) The sign required by this section must be in English and  
3 Spanish and display the following text:

4 WARNING: Being forced to engage in sexual activity or forced  
5 to obtain an abortion is illegal under Texas law. Call the national  
6 human trafficking hotline: 1-888-373-7888.

7 (c) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human  
8 Services Commission shall adopt rules as necessary to implement and  
9 enforce this section.

10 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2015, the executive  
11 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall  
12 adopt the rules necessary to implement Sections 171.0125 and  
13 171.0126, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

14 SECTION 3. An ambulatory surgical center or abortion  
15 facility is not required to comply with Sections 171.0125 and  
16 171.0126, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, before  
17 January 1, 2016.

18 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.