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SECOND CHANCES AT LIFE ACT

The SECOND CHANCES AT LIFE ACT would provide information about Abortion Pill Reversal.

Abortion Pill Reversal

• This protective legislation will require that a woman be informed that the effects of the chemical abortion pill can be reversed in order to save her baby if she changes her mind after taking it.

• The chemical abortion currently involves a two-step drug process. The first abortifacient drug is given at the clinic and weakens or kills her unborn baby. The second drug is taken 24-48 hours later, usually at home, to expel her unborn baby and complete the abortion.

• The bill requires the abortion provider to inform the abortion client that if she has taken the first drug, mifepristone, but has not taken the second drug, and is questioning her decision to terminate her pregnancy, she should call the *Abortion Pill Reversal Hotline:* 877-558-0333. The information would also be included in her discharge papers.

• The American Association of Pro-life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, a 2,500 member OB-GYN medical group, supports offering the **Abortion Pill Reversal (APR)** protocol to women who regret initiating the abortion pill process, after appropriate informed consent.

• In West Virginia, chemical abortions account for about 40% of abortions. To date over 2,000 babies have been saved nationwide by the Abortion Pill Reversal protocol.

• Lead Sponsor is Delegate Kayla Kessinger. Cosponsors are Delegates Terri Sypolt, Josh Holstein, Jordan Bridges, Trenton Barnhart, Todd Longanacre, Jeff Pack (**Health and Human Resources Chair**), Laura Kimble, Adam Burkhammer, Margitta Mazzocchi, and Jonathan Pinson. The bill is double-referenced to Health and Human Resources and then Judiciary.

West Virginians for Life is supporting this bill.

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