

WOMAN'S RIGHT TO KNOW: STATES THAT OFFER ULTRASOUND OPTION July 28, 2011

STATE	YEAR ENACTED	DESCRIPTION
ALABAMA ¹	2002	Pregnant mother has right to
Ala. Code § 26-23A-4 (4);(5)		view ultrasound, the law also
		requires abortion clinics and
		clinics that refer for abortions to
		have ultrasound equipment.
ARIZONA	2011	An ultrasound must be used for
A.R.S § 36-2156 (A)(1)		all patients who elect to have an
		abortion. Mother offered an
		opportunity to view the
		ultrasound and hear the heartbeat.
	1999*	An ultrasound must be used for
A.R.S. § 36-449.03 (D)(4)		all patients who elect to have an
		abortion after 12 weeks gestation.
		The mother must request to view
		the ultrasound if it is to be shown
		to her. Then it shall be reviewed
		with her.
ARKANSAS		Abortion facilities that use
Ark. Stat. Ann § 20-16-602	2003	ultrasound equipment shall
		inform the pregnant woman she
		has the option of viewing the
		ultrasound.
FLORIDA		An ultrasound must be used to
Fla. Stat. Ann. §390.0111(3)(I)	2011	verify the probable gestational
to390.0111(3)(IV)		age of the unborn child. The
		abortionist must offer the
		pregnant mother the opportunity
		to view the live ultrasound image
		of her unborn child, however, if
		the mother is a victim of rape,
		incest, domestic violence or
		human trafficking she can decline
		the offer to see the ultrasound.

¹ Attorney General has entered a consent agreement declaring Ala. Code § 26-23A-4 (LexisNexis 2007) is subject to medical emergency exception which includes psychological harm. *Summit Med. Ctr. of Ala., Inc. v. Riley*, No. 02-A-1064-N (M.D. Ala. June 25, 2004) (order granting permanent injunction).

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GEORGIA		In all cases where ultrasounds are
Ga. Code Ann. § 31-9A-3(4)	2007	performed before an abortion the
		pregnant mother shall be offered
Ga. Code Ann. §31-9A-3(2)(C)		a chance to view the ultrasound
		and hear the heartbeat. Pregnant
		mother is told before an abortion
		of ultrasound services and how to
		obtain them at no cost.
IDAHO		Abortion facilities that use
Idaho Code § 18-609 (3)	2007	ultrasound equipment shall
	2007	inform the pregnant woman she
		has the option of viewing the
		ultrasound and obtaining a
		picture of her unborn baby.
INDIANA		At least 18 hours before an
Ind. Code Ann. § 16-34-2-1.1 (I)	2005	abortion the abortionist shall
Ind. Code Ami. § 10-34-2-1.1 (1)	2003	offer the pregnant mother a
On May 10, 2011 the Governor		chance to view the ultrasound
signed into law a bill that		and hear the heartbeat.
removed the burden on the	2011	Pregnant mother is told before an
l l	2011	abortion of ultrasound and fetal
pregnant women to request to see the ultrasound of her baby		heart tone services and how to
the ditrasound of her baby		obtain them.
KANSAS	2009	If an ultrasound is used prior to
K.S.A 65-6709 (h),(i),(j)	2009	the performance of an abortion
K.S.A 03-0709 (II),(I),(J)		the abortionist informs the
		mother of her right to view the
		ultrasound at no additional
		expense to her. Mother is also
		told of her right to hear the heart
		tone of her unborn baby.
LOUISIANA ²	2010	Two hours before an abortion an
	2010	
La. Rev. Stat. §40:1299.35.2 (D)		ultrasound must be performed
		and the mother is offered an
		opportunity to have the
		ultrasound screen displayed so
		that she may view them, be
L - D C(-) 840 1200 25 5 (D)		offered an explanation and a print
La. Rev. Stat. §40:1299.35.6 (B)		out of a picture of her unborn
(1)(h)	2007	child.
	2007	
		Abortionist shall inform the
		pregnant mother of her option to
		review and receive an
La. Rev. Stat. §40:1299.35.2 (C)		explanation of an obstetric
		ultrasound image of the unborn
	1999	child.

 $[\]frac{1}{2}$ The enactment of the 2010 law removed the 20 week gestation provision.

STATE	YEAR ENACTED	DESCRIPTION
		The abortionist shall inform the
		pregnant mother that she has the
		option of viewing an ultrasound
		of her unborn child of twenty
		weeks gestation or more.
MICHIGAN	2006	If an ultrasound is performed on
M.C.L.A. §333.17015 (8)	2006	the pregnant mother the abortion
		facility shall inform her of the
		option of viewing the ultrasound and obtaining a picture of her
		unborn baby. Prior to an
		abortion she is informed of
		places that offer free ultrasounds.
MISSISSIPPI		Before an abortion is performed,
Miss. Code § 41-41-34		an ultrasound shall be performed
o de la companya de l	2007	on the pregnant woman and the
		abortion facility shall inform her
		of the option to view the
		ultrasound, and hear the heart
		tone and obtain a picture of her
		unborn child.
MISSOURI	2010	Twenty-four hours prior to an
Mo. Rev. Stat. § 188.027 (4)		abortion the abortionist shall
		provide the pregnant mother an
		opportunity to view an active
		ultrasound and hear the heartbeat
		of her unborn child. The
		department of health shall also
		maintain a list and provide it to pregnant mothers of all facilities
		which provide ultrasound
		services including those which
		are free of charge.
NEBRASKA	2009	If an ultrasound is performed
Neb. Rev. Stat. §28-327 (2)(e);		prior to an abortion the
(3)		abortionist shall simultaneously
		display the images so that the
		pregnant mother may choose to
		view or not to view them. She is
		told before an abortion of
		ultrasound services and where to
		obtain them at no cost.
NORTH CAROLINA	2011	At least four hours prior to
N.C. Gen. Stat. §90-21-85		performing an abortion the
		abortionist must display the
		ultrasound image so that the
		mother might view it. Mother can
		avert her eyes.

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NORTH DAKOTA	2009	Twenty-four hours before an
N.D. Cent. Code § 14-02. 1-04		abortion the abortionist must
(4)		offer the pregnant mother an
§ 14-02. 1-07.1 (a)		opportunity to receive and view
		her own active ultrasound. The
		abortion facilities must keep
		records for reporting reasons.
OHIO		If an ultrasound is used prior to
Ohio Rev. Code Ann. §2317.561		the performance of an abortion
	2008	the abortionist shall provide the
		mother the opportunity to view
		the active ultrasound and offer to
		provide her with a physical
		picture and shall not require any
		additional charges.
OKLAHOMA	2010	At least 1 hour prior to
§63-1-738.3d		performing an abortion the
*Litigation pending		abortionist must display the
		ultrasound image so that the
		mother might view it. Mother can
	2006	avert her eyes.
§63-1-738.2 (B)(1)(a)(5)		
		Pregnant mother is told before an
		abortion of ultrasound and fetal
		heart tone services and how to
COLUELL CAROLINIA	2000	obtain them at no cost.
SOUTH CAROLINA	2008	If an ultrasound is performed the
S.C. Code Ann. §41-41-340(A)		abortionist must inform the
(1)(a),(b)		pregnant mother of her right to
		view an ultrasound during or after the ultrasound is
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		performed. No abortion may be
		performed sooner than 60 minutes after an ultrasound. The
		woman must certify in writing that she has been informed of her
S.C. Code Regs. 61-12 § 301 (C)	1996	right to view the ultrasound.
	1990	
(2)		Abortion Clinic Regulations require the abortionist to perform
		an ultrasound when gestational
		age is unknown or is estimated to
		be 14 weeks or older.
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SOUTH DAKOTA	2008	Pregnant mother is offered
S.D. Codified Laws § 34-23A-52		chance to view sonogram of her
		unborn child before an abortion
		is performed, also reports the
		number of women who viewed
		sonogram.

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TEXAS*	2011	Prior to performing an abortion
TX Code Health & Safety		the abortionist must display the
§171.012(a)(1) through (3)		ultrasound image so that the
		mother might view it. Mother can
		avert her eyes.
		Pregnant mother is told before an
		abortion of sonogram services
		and how to obtain them at no
		cost.
UTAH	2010	If an ultrasound is performed
Utah Code Ann. § 76-7-305(6)		prior to the performance of an
		abortion the abortionist shall
		inform the pregnant mother that
		the ultrasound images will be
		simultaneously displayed so that
		the pregnant mother may view
		the images, if she chooses to
		view the images or not view the
		images, if she chooses not to
		view the images.
WEST VIRGINIA		Whenever ultrasound imaging is
§16-2I-2 (c)		utilized prior to an elective
		abortion, the abortionist shall, at
	2010	least one hour before the
		procedure, inform the pregnant
		mother of the ultrasound imaging
		and offer the mother the
		opportunity to view or decline to
		view the ultrasound images.
WISCONSIN ³	1998	Pregnant mother is told before an
Wis. Stat. Ann. §253.10(3)		abortion of ultrasound and fetal
(c)1(g)		heart tone services and how to
		obtain them.

^{*} Texas allows for the pregnant mother to waive the 24 hour reflection period if she lives 100 miles or more from the abortion facility.

TOTAL: 23 STATE LAWS

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³ Upheld <u>Karlin v. Foust, 188 F.3d 446; 1999 U.S. App. LEXIS 18409</u>, on August 9, 1999.