
SENATE BILL 5966

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By Senator Fortunato

1 AN ACT Relating to the establishment of a woman's right to be
2 fully informed about abortions and the potential risks associated
3 with abortions; amending RCW 9.02.100; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** This act may be known and cited as the
6 women's right to know act.

7 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9.02.100 and 1992 c 1 s 1 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 The sovereign people hereby declare that every individual
10 possesses a fundamental right of privacy with respect to personal
11 reproductive decisions.

12 Accordingly, it is the public policy of the state of Washington
13 that:

14 (1) Every individual has the fundamental right to choose or
15 refuse birth control;

16 (2) Every woman has the fundamental right to choose or refuse to
17 have an abortion, except as specifically limited by RCW 9.02.100
18 through 9.02.170 and 9.02.900 through 9.02.902;

19 (3) Except as specifically permitted by RCW 9.02.100 through
20 9.02.170 and 9.02.900 through 9.02.902, the state shall not deny or

1 interfere with a woman's fundamental right to choose or refuse to
2 have an abortion; (~~and~~)

3 (4) A woman seeking to have an abortion in the state of
4 Washington has a right to be fully informed about abortions and the
5 potential risks associated with abortions. This includes the right to
6 know about:

7 (a) Abortion methods and associated medical risks;

8 (b) Possible adverse psychological effects of abortion;

9 (c) Potential harms to the fetus child should the abortion go
10 wrong;

11 (d) Medical benefits and risks of carrying a pregnancy to term;

12 (e) Probable gestational age of the fetus at the time the
13 abortion is to be performed;

14 (f) Public and private agencies and services available to assist
15 a woman through pregnancy, childbirth, and raising a child; and

16 (g) Adoption services; and

17 (5) The state shall not discriminate against the exercise of
18 these rights in the regulation or provision of benefits, facilities,
19 services, or information.

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