

SENATE BILL REPORT

ESHB 2115

As of February 13, 2024

Title: An act relating to prescription labels for medications used for abortion.

Brief Description: Concerning prescription labels for medications used for abortion.

Sponsors: House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Thai, Slatter, Senn, Chapman, Reed, Ramel, Macri, Gregerson, Doglio, Fosse, Riccelli, Wylie and Reeves).

Brief History: Passed House: 2/9/24, 82-15.

Committee Activity: Health & Long Term Care: 2/15/24.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows certain practitioners to request that the prescription label for abortion medication include the prescribing and dispensing health care facility name, instead of the practitioner's name.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & LONG TERM CARE

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Background: When a prescription drug is dispensed, its container must have a label containing specific information. The information includes the name and address of the dispensing pharmacy, the prescription number, the name of the prescribing health care provider, the prescriber's directions for use, the name and strength of the medication, the name of the patient, the date, and the expiration date. A prescribing health care provider may request that the name and strength of the medication not be shown.

Summary of Bill: A practitioner employed by a prescribing and dispensing health care facility may request that the prescription label for abortion medications include the prescribing and dispensing health care facility name, instead of the practitioner's name.

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The term "abortion medications" is defined as substances used in the course of medical treatment intended to induce the termination of a pregnancy.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.