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Web Cam Abortion Ban May 2, 2013

"Web-cam abortions" are abortions done by a video conferencing system where the abortionist is at one location and uses a closed circuit TV/ computer video screen to talk with a woman who is at another location. The abortionist never sees the woman in person. They are never actually in the same room.

Several states have enacted laws requiring an abortionist to be physically present in the room before administering chemical abortions upon pregnant women.

12 States have enacted Web-cam Abortion Bans.

| STATE | STATUS | WHAT THE LAW DOES |
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| Alabama 2013 Bill Text AL H.B. 57 | Effective July 1, 2013 | Only a physician may give, sell, dispense, administer, or otherwise prescribe an abortion-inducing drug. The physician giving, selling, dispensing, administering, or otherwise providing or prescribing the abortion-inducing drug must first examine the pregnant woman in person. Any person other than a physician who performs or attempts to perform an abortion, including the prescription, dispensing, or administration of abortion-inducing drug, shall be guilty of a Class C felony. |
| Arizona Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §36-3604 (2011) | In effect | Telemedicine may not be used to provide abortions. |
| Kansas K.S.A. § 65-4a10 (2011) | In effect | Only a licensed physician shall perform or induce an abortion. RU-486 (mifepristone) or any drug used to induce an abortion must be administered by or in the same room and in the physical presence of the physician who prescribed, dispensed or otherwise provided the drug to the patient. |
| Indiana 2013 IN S.B. 371 | Effective July 1, 2013 | A physician shall examine a pregnant woman in person before prescribing or dispensing an abortion inducing drug. As used in this subdivision, "in person" does not include the use of telehealth or telemedicine services. |
| Michigan MCL § 333.17017 | Effective March 31, 2013 | A physician may not prescribe a chemical abortion without first physically examination of the patient. The physician shall be physically present at the location of the chemical abortion when the prescription drug is used to initiate chemical abortion. This law expires on December 31, 2018. |

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| Mississippi 2013 MS S.B. 2795 | Effective July 1, 2013 | When any drug or chemical is used for the purpose of inducing an abortion, the drug or chemical must be administered in the same room and in the physical presence of the physician who gave, sold, dispensed or otherwise provided or prescribed the drug or chemical to the patient. |
| Nebraska Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-335(2) | In effect | No abortion shall be performed, induced, or attempted unless the physician is physically present in the same room. |
| North Dakota N.D. Cent. Code, § 14-02.1- 03.5 (2013) | Enjoined | When an abortion-inducing drug or chemical is used for an abortion it must be administered by or in the same room and in the physical presence of the physician who prescribed it. Enjoined pending trial <i>MKB Mgmt. Corp v. Burdick</i> , No. 09-2011-CV-02205 (N.D. Dist Ct. Feb. 16, 2012). |
| Oklahoma 63 Okl. St. § 1- 729.1 | In effect | When an abortion-inducing drug or chemical is used for an abortion it must be administered by or in the same room and in the physical presence of the physician who prescribed it. This law remains in effect. |
| <i>63 Okl. St. § 1- 729a(D)</i> | Enjoined | <i>Regulates the sale and distribution of RU-486, by following FDA protocols. Permanently enjoined in Oklahoma Coal. for Repr. Just. v. Cline, No. CV-2011-1722 (Okla. Dist. Ct. May 11, 2012).</i> |
| South Dakota S.D. Codified Laws § 34-23A- 56 (2012) | In effect | No physician may have the pregnant mother sign consent for the abortion on the day of this initial consultation. No physician may take a signed consent from the pregnant mother unless the pregnant mother is in the physical presence of the physician and except on the day the abortion is scheduled. |
| Tennessee Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-6- 241(2011) | In effect | No physician shall perform or attempt to perform any abortion, including a chemically induced abortion or shall prescribe any drug or device intended to cause a chemical abortion, except in the physical presence of the pregnant woman. No drug or device intended to cause a chemical abortion shall be administered or dispensed to a pregnant woman except in the physical presence of her physician. |
| Wisconsin Wis. Stat. Ann. § 253.105 | In effect | No person may give an abortion-inducing drug to a woman unless the physician who prescribed, or otherwise provided, the abortion-inducing drug for the woman: (a) Performs a physical exam of the woman and (b) Is physically present in the room when the drug is given to the woman. Complaint filed by <i>Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin vs. J.B. Van Hollen, et al</i> , No. 12-cv-913-bbc (U.S. Dist. Ct., W.D. Jan. 7, 2013). |