

HB 1130 - A Drug Induced Abortion Information Act

In 2019 **34.1% of all abortions in South Dakota were drug-induced**
("medical" or "chemical" abortions).

Drug-induced abortions involve a combination of two drugs administered usually through day 70 of a pregnancy.

Mifepristone is administered to the pregnant mother at the abortion facility to initiate the abortion, causing the uterus to be extremely sensitive to contraction-inducing drugs such as Misoprostol.

Roughly 48 hours later the pregnant mother takes Misoprostol, which causes violent contractions that expel the unborn child from the mother's womb. This step happens in the mother's home.

The same studies that contributed to the FDA's approval of the usage of Mifepristone and Misoprostol in combination for a drug-induced abortion, show Mifepristone is not known to cause deformities in unborn children.

More importantly, an average of **20% of all unborn children exposed to Mifepristone will survive if the mother simply chooses to not take the Misoprostol.**

Even if the Mifepristone/Misoprostol regimen is followed, approximately 1% of all pregnancies will continue (1 to 2 South Dakota pregnant mothers each year), and another 2-4% of chemical abortions will require surgical evacuation due to an incomplete abortion (3 to 6 South Dakota pregnant mothers each year).

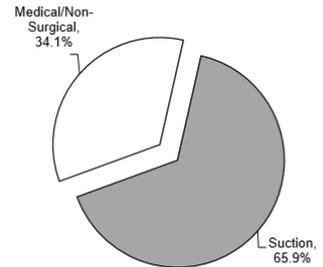
This Act requires the following statement be given in writing to a pregnant woman who has taken the first drug (Mifepristone) upon discharge from the abortion facility:

"After a pregnant mother takes Mifepristone it is still possible to discontinue a drug-induced abortion by not taking the prescribed Misoprostol." 34-23A-10.1(1)(h)

"If you decide you want to give birth to your child and you have not taken the second drug, known as Misoprostol, seek the assistance of a physician immediately. You can receive information and a medical referral twenty-four hours per day, seven days a week by calling 877-558-0333 or by accessing www.abortionpillreversal.com." 34-23A-10.1(3)

It is imperative that those who are faced with this life or death decision, are given this important information.

Induced Abortions Occurring in South Dakota by Primary Procedure Used, 2019



Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics