

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 2126 Session of
1980

INTRODUCED BY KUKOVICH, HOEFFEL, COHEN, WACHOB, WHITE AND BROWN,
JANUARY 16, 1980

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, JANUARY 16, 1980

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for offenses relating to
3 birth defects.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 18, act of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707,
7 No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, is
8 amended by adding a chapter to read:

9 CHAPTER 77

10 MEDICAL SERVICES

11 Sec.

12 7701. Failure to inform of certain medical techniques relating
13 to birth defects.

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15 relating to birth defects.

16 (a) Offense.--Any physician who willfully fails or refuses
17 to inform a female patient of the availability of medical
18 techniques which reduce the risk of birth defects, including,

1 but not limited to, amniocentesis, shall be guilty of a
2 misdemeanor of the third degree.

3 (b) License revocation.--A physician shall be subject to
4 revocation of license upon a second conviction under this
5 section.

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.