



HB364

ABORTION ULTRASOUND INFORMED CONSENT AMENDMENTS

“When I learned the truth, I can’t tell you how betrayed I felt.”

Why abortion is the Uninformed Non-Choice:

- 84% **weren’t sufficiently informed** before abortion
- 54% were **unsure** of their decision, yet 67% received no counseling beforehand.
- Many were **misinformed** by experts about fetal development, abortion alternatives or risks.
- 65% suffer multiple symptoms of **post-traumatic stress disorder**.
- 65% higher risk of **clinical depression**.
- **Suicide** rates are 6 times higher if women abort vs. giving birth

Ultrasound Bill

- Based on Kentucky bill upheld by 6th Circuit Court, Supreme Court upheld the 6th Circuit decision.
- Requires a woman to view an Ultrasound and listen to the heartbeat as part of the informed consent given 72 hours prior to an abortion.
- In defending the law, Kentucky argued that the regulation was part of the medical “informed-consent” process and that the law “does nothing more than require that women who are considering an abortion be provided with information that is truthful, non-misleading and relevant to their decision of whether to have an abortion.”
- The appeals court agreed, writing in its ruling that there was “nothing suspect” about the state requiring a doctor to provide “truthful” information, “even if those disclosures relate to unborn life and have the effect of persuading the patient not to have an abortion.”

At Pro-Life Utah, we pick up the broken pieces of women who regret their abortions through our Post Abortive Healing Support Groups. These women inevitably feel that their decision was made without all of the information that might have influenced their choice. Living with the regret, the grief and the guilt of an uninformed abortion choice is very, very painful. Given the fact that we live in a world that promotes this choice as empowering or at least benign ...we owe it to women to give every bit of information possible before they make a life-ending decision.

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