

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 780

Reproductive Health Services and Family Planning by Senator Rich

Creates the "Prevention First Act." Provides for the duties of licensed health care practitioners and health care facilities when providing care to rape survivors. Requires the Department of Health to develop, prepare, and produce informational materials relating to emergency birth control for the prevention of pregnancy for distribution to and use in all emergency departments in the state. Provides for the imposition of penalties on health care facilities not in compliance with the act.

Provides for the duties of licensed pharmacies relating to customer requests for contraceptives. Prohibits actions by pharmacy employees including, but not limited to, intimidating, threatening, or harassing a customer in the delivery of services relating to a request for contraception.

Provides that the act does not prevent a pharmacist or other person from refusing to furnish any contraceptive or family planning service, supplies, or information for religious reasons so long as the pharmacy ensures that the customer receives the contraceptive without delay and in compliance with the act.

Provides for an aggrieved person or the Attorney General to bring a civil action. Provides for court awards of not more than \$10,000 for each violation when such action is brought by the Attorney General. (See bill for details)