

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	07-1803/1	Introduction Number	SB-218	Estimate Type	Original
Description Voluntary and informed consent to an abortion and requiring provision of information on domestic abuse services					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Currently the Department is required to prepare printed material containing certain information, specified in statute, which is to be conveyed to a woman who is seeking an abortion. This information must be distributed to county departments of human and social services and physicians who perform abortions are required to provide the printed material to women seeking abortions and to repeat this information orally. Women who undergo an abortion are required to give informed consent to the abortion after receiving this information.

This bill requires physicians to determine whether or not a woman's consent is voluntary. The physician is required to inform the woman of services regarding domestic abuse if the physician believes the woman is in danger of being coerced to accept an abortion against her will. The bill requires the Department to include information regarding domestic abuse services in the printed material required for informed consent that the Department currently produces.

If this domestic abuse information is included in the normal reprinting of the abortion informed consent material, it will not be a cost to the Department. However, if the Department is required to reprint all its informed consent material outside of the normal reprinting schedule, there would be a one time cost to the Department of \$3,500 which the Department cannot absorb.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications