

SENATE BILL NO. 417

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 15, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE LEGISLATURE MAY REQUIRE THAT A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF AN UNEMANCIPATED MINOR RECEIVE NOTICE BEFORE THE MINOR UNDERGOES A MEDICAL OR SURGICAL PROCEDURE TO TERMINATE PREGNANCY, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS CONSTITUTION."

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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Section 1. Article II, section 15, of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended to read:

"Section 15. Rights of persons not adults. (1) The rights of persons under 18 years of age shall include, but not be limited to, all the fundamental rights of this Article unless specifically precluded by laws which enhance the protection of such persons.

(2) In order to enhance the protection of persons under 18 years of age, the legislature may require that a parent or guardian of an unemancipated minor receive notice before the minor undergoes a medical or surgical procedure to terminate pregnancy, notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution."

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NEW SECTION. Section 2. Submission to electorate. This amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2002 by printing on the ballot the full title of this act and the following:

[] FOR allowing the legislature to require that a parent or guardian be notified before a minor child undergoes a procedure to terminate pregnancy.

[] AGAINST allowing the legislature to require that a parent or guardian be notified before a minor child undergoes a procedure to terminate pregnancy.

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