

SENATE BILL NO. 250

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROHIBITING PERFORMANCE OF SENSITIVE MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS WITHOUT OBTAINING INFORMED CONSENT; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES."

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

**NEW SECTION. Section 1. Performance of sensitive medical examinations -- informed consent required.** (1) A physician licensed under this chapter may not knowingly perform or supervise the performance of a breast, pelvic, urogenital, prostate, or rectal examination on a patient who is anesthetized or unconscious unless:

- (a) the patient or a person authorized to make health care decisions for the patient has provided specific informed consent to the examination;
- (b) the examination is within the scope of care for a procedure or diagnostic examination scheduled to be performed on the patient; or
- (c) an emergency exists, it is impracticable to obtain consent, and the examination is necessary for diagnostic or treatment purposes.

(2) Violation of subsection (1) constitutes unprofessional conduct.

**NEW SECTION. Section 2. Performance of sensitive medical examinations -- informed consent required.** (1) An advanced practice registered nurse licensed under this chapter may not knowingly perform or supervise the performance of a breast, pelvic, urogenital, prostate, or rectal examination on a patient who is anesthetized or unconscious unless:

- (a) the patient or a person authorized to make health care decisions for the patient has provided specific informed consent to the examination;
- (b) the examination is within the scope of care for a procedure or diagnostic examination scheduled to

1 be performed on the patient; or

2 (c) an emergency exists, it is impracticable to obtain consent, and the examination is necessary for  
3 diagnostic or treatment purposes.

4 (2) Violation of subsection (1) is punishable pursuant to 37-8-443.

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6 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction.** (1) [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an  
7 integral part of Title 37, chapter 3, part 3, and the provisions of Title 37, chapter 3, part 3, apply to [section 1].

8 (2) [Section 2] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 37, chapter 8, part 4, and the  
9 provisions of Title 37, chapter 8, part 4, apply to [section 2].

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