



# Legislative Council Staff

## Research Note

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### Bill Number

**Senate Bill 17-284**

### Sponsors

**Senators Marble & Lundberg  
Representatives Saine & Ransom**

### Short Title

***A Woman's Right to Accurate  
Health Care Information***

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### Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill, which was lost on second reading in the Senate on April 13, 2017.

### Background

The U.S. Supreme Court has upheld a woman's right to terminate her pregnancy prior to fetal viability without undue interference from the state. States, however, have the authority to license facilities where abortions are performed and regulate the conduct of abortion providers. Under *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey*, 505 U.S. 833 (1992), states may impose restrictions on abortion, including waiting periods of up to 24 hours and informed consent requirements, provided that the restrictions do not constitute an undue burden on a woman's access to abortion.

### Senate Action

***Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee (April 5, 2017).*** At the hearing, representatives from the Centennial Institute, the Colorado Campaign for Life, Colorado Family Action, Democrats for Life, the Protect Life Coalition, Students for Life, and several crisis pregnancy centers testified in support of the bill. A number of private citizens also testified in support of the bill. Representatives from the American Association of University Women, the Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights, the Colorado Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, Interfaith Alliance of Colorado, Medical Students for Choice, and NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado, as well as two private citizens, testified against the bill. The committee referred the unamended bill to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

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**Senate Appropriations Committee (April 11, 2017).** The committee adopted amendment J.001 and referred the bill to the Senate Committee of the Whole. The amendment added an appropriations clause to the bill.

**Senate second reading (April 13, 2017).** The bill was lost on second reading in the Senate.