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H.B. No. 358

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to information about certain agencies providing  
3 assistance relating to pregnancy.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 171.015, Health and Safety Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 171.015. INFORMATION RELATING TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE  
8 AGENCIES. The informational materials must include either:

9 (1) geographically indexed materials designed to  
10 inform the woman of public and private agencies and services that[+]

11 [~~(A)~~] are available to assist a woman through  
12 pregnancy, childbirth, and the child's dependency, including:

13 (A) [~~(i)~~] a comprehensive list of adoption  
14 agencies;

15 (B) [~~(ii)~~] a description of the services the  
16 adoption agencies offer; and

17 (C) [~~(iii)~~] a description of the manner,  
18 including telephone numbers, in which an adoption agency may be  
19 contacted;

20 [~~(B) do not provide abortions or~~  
21 ~~abortion-related services or make referrals to abortion providers,~~  
22 ~~and~~

23 [~~(C) are not affiliated with organizations that~~  
24 ~~provide abortions or abortion-related services or make referrals to~~

1 ~~abortion providers,~~] or

2           (2) a toll-free, 24-hour telephone number that may be  
3 called to obtain an oral list and description of agencies described  
4 by Subdivision (1) that are located near the caller and of the  
5 services the agencies offer.

6           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.