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H. R. 486

To require the Food and Drug Administration to establish restrictions regarding the qualifications of physicians to prescribe the abortion drug commonly known as RU-486.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 29, 2003

Mr. VITTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “RU-486 Patient
5 Health and Safety Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF RESTRICTIONS REGARDING**
2 **PRESCRIBING OF CERTAIN ABORTION DRUG.**

3 With respect to the application that was submitted
4 under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
5 metic Act for the drug mifepristone (commonly referred
6 to as RU-486, marketed as MIFEPREX), and that was
7 approved on September 28, 2000, the Secretary of Health
8 and Human Services, acting through the Commissioner of
9 Food and Drugs, shall promptly modify the conditions of
10 the approval of such drug to establish the additional re-
11 striction that the drug may not be prescribed by any per-
12 son other than a licensed physician who meets the fol-
13 lowing requirements:

14 (1) The physician is qualified to handle com-
15 plications resulting from an incomplete abortion or
16 ectopic pregnancy.

17 (2) The physician has been trained to perform
18 surgical abortions and has met all applicable legal
19 requirements to perform such abortions.

20 (3) The physician is certified for ultrasound
21 dating of pregnancy and detecting ectopic preg-
22 nancy.

23 (4) The physician has completed a program re-
24 garding the prescribing of such drug that uses a
25 curriculum approved by the Secretary.

1 (5) The physician has admitting privileges at a
2 hospital to which the physician can travel in one
3 hour or less, determined on the basis of starting at
4 the principal medical office of the physician and
5 traveling to the hospital, using the transportation
6 means normally used by the physician to travel to
7 the hospital, and under the average conditions of
8 travel for the physician.

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