

6537-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Costa, Winsley, Kohl-Welles, Thibaudeau, Fairley, Kline, Jacobsen, Prentice, B. Sheldon and Keiser)

Brief Description: Providing emergency contraception to sexual assault victims.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires every hospital providing emergency care to a victim of sexual assault to: (1) Provide the victim with medically and factually accurate and unbiased written and oral information about emergency contraception;

(2) Orally inform each victim of sexual assault of her option to be provided emergency contraception at the hospital; and

(3) If not medically contraindicated, provide emergency contraception immediately at the hospital to each victim of sexual assault who requests it.

Requires the department to respond to complaints of violations of this act. The department shall convene a task force, composed of representatives from community sexual assault programs and other relevant stakeholders including advocacy agencies, medical agencies, and hospital associations, to provide input into the development and evaluation of the education materials and rule development. The task force shall expire on January 1, 2004.