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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT ABORTION PILL
102 REVERSAL TO PEOPLE SEEKING A MEDICATION ABORTION, AND,
103 IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING THE "ABORTION PILL
104 REVERSAL INFORMATION ACT".

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill creates the "Abortion Pill Reversal Information Act" (act). The act requires a physician or other qualified medical professional to provide state-prepared information concerning abortion pill reversal,

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including a telephone number and website address where a pregnant woman can seek resources to obtain abortion pill reversal, to any woman seeking an abortion through the use of an abortion-inducing drug. The physician or other qualified medical professional must provide the information at least 24 hours before the physician prescribes or administers the abortion-inducing drug or induces the abortion.

The department of public health and environment is required to maintain the state-prepared information on its public-facing website.

The act makes it a deceptive trade practice to fail to provide the required information concerning abortion pill reversal. The act also includes civil penalties and professional discipline for failure to comply with the requirements in the act and allows the general assembly to appoint members to intervene in any lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the act.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 5 to article
3 6 of title 25 as follows:

4 **PART 5**

5 **ABORTION PILL REVERSAL INFORMATION ACT**

6 **25-6-501. Short title.** THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS PART 5 IS THE
7 "ABORTION PILL REVERSAL INFORMATION ACT".

8 **25-6-502. Legislative findings and purposes.** (1) THE
9 COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:

10 (a) MIFEPRISTONE, THE FIRST DRUG IN THE TWO-DRUG CHEMICAL
11 ABORTION PROCEDURE COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS "RU-486" OR "THE
12 ABORTION PILL", WORKS BY BLOCKING PROGESTERONE RECEPTORS.
13 PROGESTERONE IS NECESSARY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN UNBORN
14 CHILD.

15 (b) MIFEPRISTONE ALONE RESULTS IN COMPLETE ABORTION IN
16 SIXTY TO EIGHTY PERCENT OF CASES;

17 (c) HOWEVER, SOME WOMEN COME TO REGRET THEIR DECISION TO

1 ABORT SHORTLY AFTER INGESTING MIFEPRISTONE;

2 (d) IN RECENT YEARS, PHYSICIANS HAVE DEVELOPED A METHOD TO
3 POTENTIALLY REVERSE THE EFFECTS OF MIFEPRISTONE;

4 (e) THIS ABORTION PILL REVERSAL PROCESS, WHICH HAS BEEN
5 DISCUSSED IN A PEER-REVIEWED STUDY, IS BASED UPON A
6 WELL-ESTABLISHED MEDICAL REGIMEN THAT IS USED IN OTHER AREAS OF
7 HEALTH CARE, SPECIFICALLY, TREATING THE PATIENT WITH
8 METHOTREXATE AND LEUCOVORIN, KNOWN AS "LEUCOVORIN RESCUE";

9 (f) METHOTREXATE, A CHEMOTHERAPY DRUG, KILLS RAPIDLY
10 DIVIDING CELLS, SUCH AS CANCER CELLS. THE DRUG WORKS BY BLOCKING
11 THE ACTION OF FOLIC ACID. TYPICALLY, PHYSICIANS ALLOW THE
12 METHOTREXATE TO WORK FOR A DAY OR TWO AND THEN GIVE THE
13 PATIENT A HIGH DOSE OF FOLIC ACID, OR LEUCOVORIN, TO COMPENSATE
14 FOR WHAT HAS BEEN LOST. THE HIGH DOSAGE OF FOLIC ACID, IN ESSENCE,
15 "KICKS" THE METHOTREXATE OFF OF THE CELLS. THIS FLOODING OF THE
16 PATIENT'S BODY WITH FOLIC ACID IS CALLED A "LEUCOVORIN RESCUE" AND
17 IS A WELL-ESTABLISHED MEDICAL PROCEDURE.

18 (g) UNDERSTANDING THE SCIENCE BEHIND THE MECHANICS OF
19 MIFEPRISTONE HAS ALLOWED PHYSICIANS TO DESIGN A SPECIFIC "RESCUE"
20 FOR A WOMAN WHO HAS USED MIFEPRISTONE TO INDUCE AN ABORTION.
21 SINCE PHYSICIANS KNOW EXACTLY HOW MIFEPRISTONE WORKS IN
22 BLOCKING PROGESTERONE, PHYSICIANS KNOW THAT TREATING A WOMAN
23 WITH PROGESTERONE CAN "KICK OFF" THE MIFEPRISTONE AND DISPLACE
24 MIFEPRISTONE FROM THE PROGESTERONE RECEPTORS. THIS ALLOWS THE
25 WOMAN'S BODY TO RESPOND NATURALLY TO THE PROGESTERONE AND TO
26 EFFECTIVELY FIGHT THE EFFECTS OF THE MIFEPRISTONE-INDUCED
27 BLOCKAGE.

1 (h) IN SHORT, MIFEPRISTONE FLOODS THE PROGESTERONE
2 RECEPTORS, THUS BLOCKING PROGESTERONE. TO BLOCK OR REVERSE THE
3 EFFECTS OF THE MIFEPRISTONE, A PREGNANT WOMAN'S BODY IS FLOODED
4 WITH PROGESTERONE.

5 (i) PROGESTERONE ITSELF HAS BEEN USED SAFELY IN PREGNANCIES
6 FOR DECADES AND IS USED IN IN VITRO FERTILIZATION, INFERTILITY
7 TREATMENTS, AND HIGH-RISK PREGNANCIES, SUCH AS WHEN A WOMAN
8 EXPERIENCES PRE-TERM LABOR OR, IN SOME CASES, AFTER A WOMAN
9 SUFFERS FROM MULTIPLE MISCARRIAGES. USING PROGESTERONE TO
10 REVERSE THE EFFECTS OF MIFEPRISTONE IS A TARGETED RESPONSE THAT
11 IS SAFE FOR THE WOMAN.

12 (j) SINCE ITS INCEPTION, ABORTION PILL REVERSAL HAS SAVED
13 MORE THAN SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY BABIES;

14 (k) FOR DECADES, THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT HAS
15 RECOGNIZED THAT A WOMAN'S DECISION REGARDING WHETHER TO OBTAIN
16 AN ABORTION IS "OFTEN A STRESSFUL ONE, AND IT IS DESIRABLE AND
17 IMPERATIVE THAT IT BE MADE WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS NATURE AND
18 CONSEQUENCES." *PLANNED PARENTHOOD V. DANFORTH*, 428 U.S. 52, 67
19 (1976).

20 (l) WOMEN HAVE DESCRIBED THAT PLANNED PARENTHOOD OR
21 OTHER ABORTION FACILITIES INFORM THEM THAT NOT FOLLOWING
22 THROUGH WITH THE REST OF AN ABORTION AFTER INGESTING
23 MIFEPRISTONE CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS BIRTH DEFECTS. HOWEVER, THE
24 AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS DECLARED
25 IN A 2020 PRACTICE BULLETIN THAT "NO EVIDENCE EXISTS TO DATE OF A
26 TERATOGENIC EFFECT OF MIFEPRISTONE." THUS, THE STATE RECOGNIZES
27 THAT SINCE MIFEPRISTONE IS NOT KNOWN TO CAUSE BIRTH DEFECTS,

1 WOMEN ARE NOT BEING GIVEN ACCURATE INFORMATION BY ABORTION
2 PROVIDERS WHEN THEY DESIRE TO REVERSE THEIR ABORTIONS.

3 (m) WOMEN HAVE DOCUMENTED THEIR PERSONAL STORIES, IN
4 WHICH THEY DESIRED TO REVERSE AN ABORTION AFTER INGESTING
5 MIFEPRISTONE. THESE WOMEN CALLED PLANNED PARENTHOOD, WHICH
6 HAD GIVEN THEM THE MIFEPRISTONE, AND ASKED WHAT THEY COULD DO
7 BECAUSE THEY HAD CHANGED THEIR MINDS AND NO LONGER WANTED TO
8 COMPLETE THE ABORTION. PLANNED PARENTHOOD'S ANSWER WAS,
9 FALSELY, THAT THE WOMEN COULD DO NOTHING BUT TAKE THE SECOND
10 PRESCRIBED DRUG AND COMPLETE THE ABORTION. THESE WOMEN WERE
11 FORCED TO DO THEIR OWN INTERNET SEARCH, FIND AN ORGANIZATION LIKE
12 THE ABORTION PILL REVERSAL NETWORK, AND BE PUT IN TOUCH WITH A
13 DOCTOR WHO WAS WILLING TO SUCCESSFULLY REVERSE THEIR ABORTION.
14 MONTHS LATER, THESE MOTHERS' BABIES WERE BORN HEALTHY.

15 (2) BASED ON THE FINDINGS IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION,
16 THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART 5 ARE TO:

17 (a) ENSURE THAT EVERY WOMAN CONSIDERING AN ABORTION
18 RECEIVES COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON ABORTION, INCLUDING THE
19 POTENTIAL TO REVERSE THE EFFECTS OF ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS
20 SHOULD SHE CHANGE HER MIND, AND THAT, IF SHE DESIRES TO CONTINUE
21 HER RELATIONSHIP WITH HER CHILD BY REVERSING HER ABORTION, SUCH
22 A DESIRE SHOULD NOT BE PREVENTED BY ABORTION FACILITIES AND THEIR
23 STAFF; AND

24 (b) REDUCE "THE RISK THAT A WOMAN MAY ELECT AN ABORTION,
25 ONLY TO DISCOVER LATER, WITH DEVASTATING PSYCHOLOGICAL
26 CONSEQUENCES, THAT HER DECISION WAS NOT FULLY INFORMED."
27 *PLANNED PARENTHOOD V. CASEY*, 505 U.S. 833, 882 (1992).

1 **25-6-503. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 5, UNLESS THE
2 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

3 (1) "ABORTION" MEANS THE ACT OF USING OR PRESCRIBING ANY
4 INSTRUMENT, MEDICINE, DRUG, OR ANY OTHER SUBSTANCE, DEVICE, OR
5 MEANS WITH THE INTENT TO TERMINATE THE CLINICALLY DIAGNOSABLE
6 PREGNANCY OF A WOMAN, WITH KNOWLEDGE THAT THE TERMINATION BY
7 THOSE MEANS WILL WITH REASONABLE LIKELIHOOD CAUSE THE DEATH OF
8 THE UNBORN CHILD. SUCH USE, PRESCRIPTION, OR MEANS IS NOT AN
9 ABORTION IF DONE WITH THE INTENT TO:

10 (a) SAVE THE LIFE OR PRESERVE THE HEALTH OF THE UNBORN
11 CHILD;

12 (b) REMOVE A DEAD UNBORN CHILD CAUSED BY SPONTANEOUS
13 ABORTION; OR

14 (c) REMOVE AN ECTOPIC PREGNANCY.

15 (2)(a) "ABORTION-INDUCING DRUG" MEANS A MEDICINE, DRUG, OR
16 ANY OTHER SUBSTANCE PRESCRIBED OR DISPENSED WITH THE INTENT OF
17 TERMINATING THE CLINICALLY DIAGNOSABLE PREGNANCY OF A WOMAN,
18 WITH KNOWLEDGE THAT THE TERMINATION WILL WITH REASONABLE
19 LIKELIHOOD CAUSE THE DEATH OF THE UNBORN CHILD.
20 "ABORTION-INDUCING DRUG" INCLUDES OFF-LABEL USE OF DRUGS KNOWN
21 TO HAVE ABORTION-INDUCING PROPERTIES THAT ARE PRESCRIBED
22 SPECIFICALLY WITH THE INTENT OF CAUSING AN ABORTION.

23 (b) "ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS" DOES NOT INCLUDE DRUGS THAT
24 MAY BE KNOWN TO CAUSE AN ABORTION BUT THAT ARE PRESCRIBED FOR
25 OTHER MEDICAL INDICATIONS, SUCH AS CHEMOTHERAPEUTIC AGENTS OR
26 DIAGNOSTIC DRUGS.

27 (3) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

1 AND ENVIRONMENT.

2 (4) "MEDICAL EMERGENCY" MEANS A CONDITION THAT SO
3 COMPLICATES THE MEDICAL CONDITION OF A PREGNANT WOMAN AS TO
4 NECESSITATE THE IMMEDIATE TERMINATION OF HER PREGNANCY TO AVERT
5 HER DEATH OR FOR WHICH A DELAY WILL CREATE SERIOUS RISK OF
6 SUBSTANTIAL AND IRREVERSIBLE IMPAIRMENT OF A MAJOR BODILY
7 FUNCTION.

8 (5) "MIFEPREX REGIMEN", "RU-486", OR "ABORTION PILL" MEANS
9 THE ABORTION-INDUCING DRUG REGIMEN THAT INVOLVES
10 ADMINISTRATION OF MIFEPRISTONE (BRAND NAME MIFEPREX) AND
11 MISOPROSTOL AND IS THE ONLY ABORTION-INDUCING DRUG REGIMEN
12 APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION. THE
13 MIFEPREX REGIMEN IS ALSO KNOWN AS THE "RU-486 REGIMEN".

14 (6) "MIFEPRISTONE" MEANS THE FIRST DRUG USED IN THE
15 MIFEPREX REGIMEN.

16 (7) "MISOPROSTOL" MEANS THE SECOND DRUG USED IN THE
17 MIFEPREX REGIMEN.

18 (8) "PHYSICIAN" MEANS ANY PERSON LICENSED TO PRACTICE
19 MEDICINE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 240 OF TITLE 12. "PHYSICIAN" INCLUDES
20 MEDICAL DOCTORS AND DOCTORS OF OSTEOPATHY.

21 (9) "QUALIFIED PERSON" MEANS AN AGENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO
22 IS A PSYCHOLOGIST, LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER, LICENSED PROFESSIONAL
23 COUNSELOR, REGISTERED NURSE, OR PHYSICIAN LICENSED PURSUANT TO
24 TITLE 12.

25 (10) "UNBORN CHILD" MEANS THE OFFSPRING OF A HUMAN BEING
26 FROM CONCEPTION UNTIL BIRTH.

27 **25-6-504. Information required on abortion pill reversal.**

1 (1) EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY, AT LEAST
2 TWENTY-FOUR HOURS PRIOR TO PRESCRIBING THE ABORTION PILL OR
3 RU-486, INDUCING AN ABORTION, OR UTILIZING ABORTION-INDUCING
4 DRUGS, THE PHYSICIAN WHO PRESCRIBES OR ADMINISTERS THE
5 ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS TO THE WOMAN OR BEGINS THE ABORTION, OR
6 A QUALIFIED PERSON ASSISTING THE PHYSICIAN, SHALL, ORALLY AND IN
7 PERSON, INFORM THE WOMAN OF THE FOLLOWING:

8 (a) THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO REVERSE THE ABORTION SHOULD
9 THE WOMAN CHANGE HER MIND, BUT THAT TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE; AND

10 (b) THAT INFORMATION ON AND ASSISTANCE WITH REVERSING THE
11 EFFECTS OF ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS IS AVAILABLE IN
12 STATE-PREPARED MATERIALS. THE PHYSICIAN OR QUALIFIED PERSON
13 SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE STATE-PREPARED MATERIALS PUBLISHED
14 PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-6-505, WHICH CAN BE PRINTED OFF THE
15 DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

16 **25-6-505. Information required in state-prepared materials.**

17 (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE AND PUBLISH ON ITS
18 PUBLIC-FACING WEBSITE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

19 ABORTION REVERSAL INFORMATION: INFORMATION
20 ON THE POTENTIAL ABILITY OF QUALIFIED MEDICAL
21 PROFESSIONALS TO REVERSE AN ABORTION OBTAINED
22 THROUGH THE USE OF ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS, SUCH AS
23 MIFEPRISTONE (BRAND NAME MIFEPREX), COMMONLY
24 REFERRED TO AS "RU-486" OR THE "ABORTION PILL", MAY
25 BE FOUND AT [HTTP://WWW.ABORTIONPILLREVERSAL.COM/](http://www.abortionpillreversal.com/)
26 OR BY CONTACTING THE TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR
27 NURSE-STAFFED HOTLINE AT (877) 558-0333. THESE

1 RESOURCES CAN PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING A
2 MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL WHO MAY BE ABLE TO AID IN THE
3 REVERSAL OF AN ABORTION.

4 (2) ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW THE
5 STATEMENT REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION AND UPDATE
6 THE INFORMATION ONLY IF THE WEBSITE OR HOTLINE LISTED IN
7 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION BECOMES PERMANENTLY UNAVAILABLE
8 AND SIMILAR INFORMATION CAN REPLACE IT. IF THE WEBSITE OR HOTLINE
9 BECOMES PERMANENTLY UNAVAILABLE AND THERE IS NO SIMILAR
10 INFORMATION TO REPLACE IT, THE DEPARTMENT MAY REMOVE THE
11 REFERENCE TO THE WEBSITE OR HOTLINE, BUT THE DEPARTMENT MUST
12 REPLACE THE INFORMATION WITH SIMILAR INFORMATION IF IT BECOMES
13 AVAILABLE.

14 **25-6-506. Civil penalties.** (1) FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE
15 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART 5:

16 (a) PROVIDES A BASIS FOR A CIVIL ACTION, INCLUDING A MEDICAL
17 MALPRACTICE ACTION, FOR ACTUAL AND PUNITIVE DAMAGES;

18 (b) PROVIDES A BASIS FOR CIVIL FINES AND PENALTIES IMPOSED BY
19 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE; AND

20 (c) PROVIDES A BASIS FOR A PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINARY ACTION
21 UNDER ARTICLE 240, 245, OR 255 OF TITLE 12, AS APPLICABLE.

22 (2) CIVIL LIABILITY SHALL NOT BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE WOMAN
23 UPON WHOM THE ABORTION WAS BEGUN, INDUCED, OR PERFORMED. THE
24 WOMAN'S PRIVACY MUST BE PRESERVED IN A CIVIL ACTION THAT IS
25 BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

26 (3) IF JUDGMENT IS RENDERED IN FAVOR OF THE PLAINTIFF, THE
27 COURT SHALL ALSO RENDER JUDGMENT FOR REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES

1 IN FAVOR OF THE PLAINTIFF AGAINST THE DEFENDANT.

2 **25-6-507. Construction.** (1) NOTHING IN THIS PART 5 MAY BE
3 CONSTRUED AS CREATING OR RECOGNIZING A RIGHT TO ABORTION.

4 (2) THIS PART 5 DOES NOT MAKE LAWFUL AN ABORTION THAT IS
5 CURRENTLY UNLAWFUL.

6 **25-6-508. Severability.** ANY PROVISION OF THIS PART 5 HELD TO
7 BE INVALID OR UNENFORCEABLE BY ITS TERMS, OR AS APPLIED TO ANY
8 PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE, MUST BE CONSTRUED SO AS TO GIVE THE
9 PROVISION THE MAXIMUM EFFECT PERMITTED BY LAW, UNLESS SUCH
10 HOLDING IS ONE OF UTTER INVALIDITY OR UNENFORCEABILITY, IN WHICH
11 EVENT THE PROVISION IS DEEMED SEVERABLE AND SHALL NOT AFFECT THE
12 REMAINDER OF OR THE APPLICATION OF THE PROVISION TO OTHER PERSONS
13 NOT SIMILARLY SITUATED OR TO OTHER DISSIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

14 **25-6-509. Right of intervention.** THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY
15 JOINT RESOLUTION MAY APPOINT ONE OR MORE OF ITS MEMBERS WHO
16 SPONSORED OR COSPONSORED THIS HOUSE BILL 23-___, ENACTED IN 2023,
17 WHICH CREATED THIS PART 5, IN THE MEMBER'S OFFICIAL CAPACITY TO
18 INTERVENE AS A MATTER OF RIGHT IN ANY CASE IN WHICH THE
19 CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THIS PART 5 IS CHALLENGED.

20 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-240-121, **add**
21 (1)(hh) as follows:

22 **12-240-121. Unprofessional conduct - definition.**

23 (1) "Unprofessional conduct" as used in this article 240 means:

24 (hh) A VIOLATION OF SECTION 25-6-504, REGARDING
25 INFORMATION ON ABORTION PILL REVERSAL.

26 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-245-224, **amend**
27 (1)(w) and (1)(x); and **add** (1)(y) as follows:

1 **12-245-224. Prohibited activities - related provisions -**
2 **definition.** (1) A person licensed, registered, or certified under this
3 article 245 violates this article 245 if the person:

4 (w) Has sold or fraudulently obtained or furnished a license,
5 registration, or certification to practice as a psychologist, social worker,
6 marriage and family therapist, licensed professional counselor,
7 psychotherapist, or addiction counselor or has aided or abetted in those
8 activities; ~~or~~

9 (x) Has failed to respond, in the manner required by the board, to
10 a complaint filed with or by the board against the licensee, registrant, or
11 certificate holder; OR

12 (y) HAS VIOLATED SECTION 25-6-504, REGARDING INFORMATION
13 ON ABORTION PILL REVERSAL.

14 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-255-120, **add**
15 (1)(ii) as follows:

16 **12-255-120. Grounds for discipline - definitions.** (1) "Grounds
17 for discipline", as used in this part 1, means any action by any person
18 who:

19 (ii) HAS VIOLATED SECTION 25-6-504, REGARDING INFORMATION
20 ON ABORTION PILL REVERSAL.

21 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 6-1-105, **add**
22 (1)(uuu) as follows:

23 **6-1-105. Unfair or deceptive trade practices.** (1) A person
24 engages in a deceptive trade practice when, in the course of the person's
25 business, vocation, or occupation, the person:

26 (uuu) FAILS TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 25-6-504.

27 **SECTION 6. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act

1 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
2 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
3 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
4 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
5 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
6 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
7 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
8 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.