

LAWS OF BARBADOS

MEDICAL TERMINATION
OF PREGNANCY ACT

CHAPTER 44A

(SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION)

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Medical Termination of Pregnancy

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Cap. 44A.

**MEDICAL TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY
REGULATIONS, 1983**

S.I. 1983/62.

Authority: These regulations were made on 11th May, 1983 by the Minister under section 12 of the *Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act*.

Commencement: 19th May, 1983.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the *Medical Termination of Pregnancy Regulations, 1983*.

2. A medical practitioner who carries out the treatment for the termination of a pregnancy shall

- (a) keep a record of the treatment in the form specified in the Schedule; and
- (b) forward the record to the Chief Medical Officer within 30 days of the treatment.

3. Any information given to the Chief Medical Officer in pursuance of these regulations shall not be disclosed except

- (a) by the Chief Medical Officer in the performance of his functions under the Act and the regulations;
- (b) to a member of the police force for the purpose of instituting criminal proceedings under the Act;
- (c) for the purpose of carrying out scientific research; and
- (d) to a medical practitioner, or other person with the consent in writing of the woman whose pregnancy was terminated.

4. (1) A medical practitioner who carries out the treatment for the termination of a pregnancy must be familiar with counselling functions with particular reference to family life education and child-birth.

(2) Before carrying out the treatment for the termination of a pregnancy a medical practitioner must

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- (a) counsel the woman requesting the termination of her pregnancy; or
- (b) ensure that the woman has been counselled by a person authorised by the Minister.
- (3) A person who counsels a woman requesting the termination of her pregnancy must
 - (a) advise her on courses of action that are available as alternatives to the termination of the pregnancy;
 - (b) inform her of the operative procedures and the possible immediate and long-term effects of the termination of her pregnancy;
 - (c) advise her of methods of contraception and the availability of family planning services;
 - (d) give such advice as to enable her to deal with the social and psychological consequences of the termination of her pregnancy; and
 - (e) in the case of a woman who decides to continue her pregnancy, advise her on the availability of adoption, fostering or other services.

SCHEDULE

(Regulation 2)

REPORT TO THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER ON TREATMENT
TO TERMINATE PREGNANCY

- 1. Date of Termination
- 2. Age of Woman
- 3. Citizenship: Barbadian (Caribbean) Other (Specify)
- 4. Marital Status: Married Unmarried
- 5. Duration of Pregnancy
- 6. Previous Pregnancies: No. of living children
 No of Terminations
- 7. Date of last termination of pregnancy under the *Termination of
Pregnancy Act* (if applicable)

- 8. Grounds for termination of pregnancy:
 - Medical condition of woman (Specify)
 - Suspected medical condition of foetus (Specify)
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 - Non-medical grounds (Specify)
- 9. Method of Termination (Specify)
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- 10. Result of treatment:
 - Uncomplicated
 - Complicated (Specify)
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- 11. Place termination performed:
 - Approved Hospital
 - Approved place (Specify)
 -
- 12. Counselling given by:
 - Self
 - Other (Specify)
- 13. Type of contraceptive recommended
- 14. Name of Medical Practitioner (type or print)
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- 15. Address of Medical Practitioner
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- 16. Signature of Medical Practitioner
- 17. Date

Note: This form must be duly completed and submitted to the Chief Medical Officer within thirty (30) days of treatment to terminate pregnancy.

