

# The Signs of Hope Act



## Abortion Warning Sign & Internet Access to Abortion Alternatives

### La. HB 636 by Rep. Hoffmann

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“Every 36 seconds in America a woman lays her body down forced to choose abortion out of a lack of practical resources and emotional support. **Abortion is a reflection that society has failed women.**”

*Patricia Heaton*, Emmy Award Winner, Feminists for Life Honorary Chair

Women deserve love and commitment. But a tragic consequence of *Roe* is that it enables men to use women and then subtly or overtly coerce abortion. Often it is an employer, friend or parent who pressures a woman. A 2004 study shows that **64% of American women felt pressured into abortion by others**. H.B. 636 addresses this in two ways:

- ◆ **Requires a “Forced Abortion Prevention Sign”** to be posted in abortion clinics informing women that 1) they can’t be forced to abort against their will, 2) that the father is liable for support, 3) that adoptive parents may pay costs of prenatal care and childbirth, and 4) that there are many public and private resources to help during and after pregnancy as listed on a DHH website featured on the sign posted in the clinic.
- ◆ **Creates a DHH website and mobile/smartphone platform** to deliver info about free ultrasound, pregnancy resources, abortion health risks, and the development of the unborn child. In addition to being posted on the sign, the web address must be given by phone or email at the initial contact seeking an appointment. This legislation enhances Louisiana’s current Woman’s Right to Know law.



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