

# SENATE BILL NO. 628

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

## AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to victims of sexual assault.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto  
2 one new section, to be known as section 191.713, to read as  
3 follows:

191.713. 1. This section shall be known and may be  
2 cited as the "Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies  
3 (CARE) Act".

4 2. As used in this section, unless the context clearly  
5 indicates otherwise, the following terms mean:

6 (1) "Emergency care to sexual assault victims",  
7 medical examinations, procedures, or services provided at a  
8 hospital or health care facility to a sexual assault victim  
9 following an alleged sexual assault;

10 (2) "Emergency contraception", any drug or device  
11 approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration that  
12 prevents pregnancy after sexual intercourse;

13 (3) "Health care facility", any urgent care center or  
14 facility that offers treatment for patients during normal-  
15 business, after-business, or weekend hours and that is  
16 affiliated with a licensed hospital;

17 (4) "Sexual assault", includes rape in the first  
18 degree, as described in section 566.030; rape in the second

19 degree, as described in section 566.031; statutory rape in  
20 the first degree and attempt to commit statutory rape in the  
21 first degree, as described in section 566.032; statutory  
22 rape in the second degree, as described in section 566.034;  
23 sodomy in the first degree, as described in section 566.060;  
24 sodomy in the second degree, as described in section  
25 566.061; statutory sodomy in the first degree and attempt to  
26 commit statutory sodomy in the first degree, as described in  
27 section 566.062; and statutory sodomy in the second degree,  
28 as described in section 566.064;

29 (5) "Sexual assault victim", a person who is alleged  
30 to have been sexually assaulted and is presented as a  
31 patient.

32 3. It shall be the standard of care for any hospital  
33 or any health care facility that provides emergency care to  
34 sexual assault victims to:

35 (1) Orally inform each sexual assault victim of the  
36 option to be provided emergency contraception at the  
37 hospital or health care facility;

38 (2) Provide the complete regimen of emergency  
39 contraception immediately at the hospital or health care  
40 facility to each sexual assault victim who requests it; and

41 (3) Provide sexually transmitted infection screening  
42 and treatment to the sexual assault victim.

43 4. The department of health and senior services shall  
44 promulgate all rules and regulations to implement the  
45 provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule,  
46 as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created  
47 under the authority delegated in this section shall become  
48 effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of  
49 the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section  
50 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and

51 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly  
52 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective  
53 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently  
54 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking  
55 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,  
56 2025, shall be invalid and void.

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