

to the committee,

In regards to women's health specifically, many epileptic drugs are teratogenic such as Valproate, Carbamazepine, Phenytoin, Phenobarbital, and Topiramate. I recommend three new criminal offenses that should carry mandatory jail time.

Health professionals must notify women when prescribing teratogenic drugs with a standardized -so as to avoid misleading statements, misdirection or minimization- discussion regarding the risk of birth defects.

Health professionals must make a declaration when treating female patients if they have ever made a conscientious objection in regards to women's health with a standardized disclosure that their decision making capacity and quality of treatment may fall below standard should the patient have epilepsy.

Failure to register as a conscientious objector with the authority. Doctors to notify a relevant authority upon making a conscientious objection. Record to be kept by the authority.

a conscientious objecting physician who prescribes a known teratogen automatically triggers a professional review.

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