

section there is no mention of the attending physician as the one who would commit the offense.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Chambers, I would also like for you to follow through with me. Even if your amendment is agreed to, and I discussed it with Senator Lindsay, I suspect he is going to be in favor of your amendment, as certainly I am, but I still...even if the body goes with your amendment, I would like to follow through a little sequence here. We're going to clarify the word "person" so that we know who, in fact, shall be responsible in order for us to punish with the third degree misdemeanor and your amendment would clarify that it would be that physician or attending physician as defined in the statute or, at least, in our legislative bill, 769. My question is, if a physician performs the abortion, he can do so under three circumstances; one, if there is a judicial bypass and the court gives approval.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Two, if the parents give a note saying that the abortion is legal and that note does not have to be notarized, it could be simply an accurate forgery but if he receives a note saying the parents approve, he can do so then. That would be the second way. Is that correct?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, what the law says is whoever the person is entitled to notification, yes, a note from that person would be authorization to bypass giving notice by the physician to that person.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And the third way would be the liar's clause, I think, would be the appropriate word for it, and that is if the young woman would come up and state that there has been abuse, there has been a rape, or there has been some sort of misconduct in sexual abuse, that if...that as long as it was declared to the appropriate agency, then the abortion could be done relatively, well, almost immediately.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, well, the abortion could be performed immediately and then at some future time notice to the proper authorities that she had made the declaration would have to be given, but that's correct.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: So what you're saying is that we're