

Kenai abortion law passed

A borough ordinance requiring that women having abortions in borough-funded medical facilities to sign an informed consent form provided by the Right to Life anti-abortion group was approved last week by the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly.

Under terms of the ordinance, doctors must tell women who are considering abortions about the physical characteristics of the fetus. That descrip-

tion includes the approximate weight, heart beat and sensitivity of the fetus and the chances that the fetus will survive the abortion.

Doctors are also required to advise patients of alternatives to abortion such as adoption, counseling and financial assistance. A four-hour period between signing the consent form and the performance of the abortion also is required.