Instructions for Completing Petition for Waiver of Parental Notice for Abortion Requested by a Minor (RSA 132:34) NHJB-2383-S

FORM: <u>Click here</u> for the form to be used when a pregnant minor is asking for a judge to make an order that would allow her to have an abortion without notifying her parents or guardian.

Heading (Top Section)

<u>COURT NAME</u>: Print the name of the County Superior Court where the Petition will be filed. (Example: Belknap County Superior Court; Rockingham County Superior Court. There is a "drop down" box on the form that lists all the Superior Courts. Choose one).

CASE NAME: Leave blank (court staff will fill in)

CASE NUMBER: Leave blank (court staff will fill in)

Petition for Waiver of Parental Notice Sections

Section 1: You may file this Petition using your initials or a pseudonym (a made up name). Put your initials, your made up name, or your real name in this space. If you put your legal name here the court will use your first name and the initial of your last name as the official title of the case.

Section 2: These are the reasons why you are filing out the Petition. If you file the Petition, then you are agreeing that these four statements are true.

Section 3: Unless you ask for more time, a court must hold a hearing and rule on your Petition within 2 court business days after the court receives it. If you want more time than this, mark the first box. If you want the court to hold its hearing within 2 court business days, mark the second box.

Section 4: Although you may file this Petition using your initials or a name other than your legal name, the court still needs your legal name. It will be kept confidential except, if the court grants your Petition, your name will be on the order and on the certificate you can give to your doctor. The court will not give the order or certificate to anyone except you and your lawyer.

Section 5: Put the month, day, and year you were born here. This will be kept confidential except, if the court grants your Petition, it will be on the certificate you can give to your doctor.

Section 6: You have the right to request that a lawyer represent you, at no charge to you. If you want a lawyer, the court will find one for you if you mark the first box. If you have been working with a lawyer, and wish to have that lawyer appointed, mark the second box and write or type the first and last name of the attorney. If you do not want a lawyer, mark the third box.

Section 7: You need to explain why a judge should order an abortion to be performed without you having to tell your parents or guardian. You can fill out either A <u>or B</u> <u>or both</u>.

A. In this section, explain why you believe you are mature and capable enough to make this decision.B. In this section, explain why you believe it is best for you to have an abortion without notifying your parents or guardian.

Section 8: The Court needs to have a phone number so we can call with information regarding your hearing. It is important you give us a confidential number where a message can be left if you do not answer. OR You can give us your lawyer's number. (You must have marked the second box in section 6 and given us a lawyer's name if you leave a number for a lawyer.) IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A PHONE NUMBER TO LEAVE FOR YOURSELF OR FOR A LAWYER, YOU MUST FILE THE PETITION AT THE COURTHOUSE WHEN IT IS OPEN.

Date and Signature Section

<u>DATE</u>: You need to print/type the date you are filing this with the court <u>or</u> the date you are signing the Petition.

<u>SIGNATURE</u>: You need to sign your legal name. If you are filing this by email you may type your legal name here.

You do not need to fill in anything below the signature line. Those spaces are for the court staff to complete, if necessary.