- (2) Gives advice, counsel, or information for the purpose of causing, inducing, or obtaining a termination of human pregnancy other than by such physician in such a hospital; or
- (3) Knowingly assists or causes by any means whatsoever the obtaining or performing of a termination of human pregnancy other than by such physician in such a hospital.
- (b) Any person who violates any provision of this section, upon conviction, is subject to a fine of not more than five thousand dollars for each offense, or to imprisonment for not more than three years, or both such fine and imprisonment. The penalties in this section are in addition to and not in substitution for any other penalty or penalties applicable to particular classes of persons under other laws of this State. ] [20–211.
- (a) This section does not apply if the attending physician certifies that an abortion is necessary to save the life of the woman.
- (b) Before a physician performs an abortion, the woman undergoing the procedure shall be advised of the extent to which:
- (1) Financial and other material assistance to carry the pregnancy to a normal delivery is available;
- (2) Financial and other material assistance to raise and support her child is available; and
- (3) Assistance from a licensed and regulated adoption agency is available if she chooses not to keep the baby.
- (c) In cooperation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Human Resources shall prepare annually, periodically update, and publish a list of federal, State, and private sources of the types and extent of assistance referred to in subsection (b) of this section, and shall distribute this published information to each hospital, clinic, physician's office, and other facility where an abortion is performed.
- (d) The signed document, of a woman who seeks an abortion, indicating that she has been counseled concerning the published information referred to in subsection (c) of this section is evidence that the requisite information was given to the woman. The signed document shall become part of the medical record.
- (e) A person who willfully violates any provision of subsection (b) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine of not more than \$500.]