

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law requires attending physicians to complete an individual report for each abortion performed or induced. Existing law further provides that the report shall be confidential and cannot contain the name or address of the woman.

Prior law required that the report include the parish and municipality, if any, in which the pregnant woman resided. New law revises prior law to require that the report include the parish and zip code, if any, in which that pregnant woman resides.

New law requires that the La. Dept. of Health, on a quarterly basis, provide to the Dept. of Children and Family Services and the attorney general copies of all abortion reports in which a pregnant minor woman under the age of 13 received an abortion.

New law requires that a licensed hospital submit a report to the La. Dept. of Health on patients who received treatment in the emergency department as a result of complications after an abortion.

New law requires the La. Dept. of Health, in consultation with the La. State Board of Medical Examiners, to jointly promulgate rules regarding the electronic coding, reporting, and tracking of complications after any abortion that is treated at any hospital.

New law requires that the report required under new law include the following information, if known:

- (1) The date of the abortion.
- (2) The name and address of the facility where the abortion was performed or induced.
- (3) The nature of the abortion complication diagnosed or treated.
- (4) The name and address of the facility where the post-abortion care was performed.

New law requires the La. Dept. of Health to publicly report aggregate data annually by the facility where the abortion was performed or induced.

New law requires each facility subject to the requirements of new law to ensure that a staff member of the facility attempts to obtain the information required by new law from any patient prior to the patient's discharge from the facility who presents for treatment in the facility's emergency department as a result of complications after an abortion.

New law provides that the report required by new law be exempt from disclosure pursuant to existing law known as the Public Records Law.

Effective August 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 40:1061.21(A)(4) and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(26); Adds R.S. 40:1061.21(E) and 2109.1)