

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 288

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYER

HEALTH CARE/RECORDS: Provides for the use of certain medical terminology in medical documentation

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 22:46.1 and R.S. 40:1300.81, relative to medical terminology; to provide for
3 terminology used in medical documentation; to require certain terms be included in
4 medical records and medical billing; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 22:46.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §46.1. Use of certain medical terminology

8 Entities regulated by this Code may include the term "miscarriage" in
9 parentheses following the term "spontaneous abortion" when the term "spontaneous
10 abortion" is utilized in medical documentation, such as medical records or medical
11 billing.

12 Section 2. R.S. 40:1300.81 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §1300.81. Use of certain medical terminology

14 When the term "spontaneous abortion" is utilized in medical documentation,
15 such as medical records or medical billing, the term "miscarriage" may be added in
16 parentheses following the term "spontaneous abortion".

DIGEST

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Abstract: Permits the use of certain medical terminology in medical documentation.

Proposed law allows the term "miscarriage" be included after the term "spontaneous abortion" in medical documentation, such as medical records or medical billing.

(Adds R.S. 22:46.1 and R.S. 40:1300.81)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Make the use of terminology of proposed law permissive.