

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 287

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ABORTION: Provides relative to laws concerning abortion based on genetic abnormality

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:1061.1.2(C)(3), relative to the prohibition on abortion based on genetic
3 abnormality; to provide relative to information to be conveyed to a woman prior to
4 an abortion; to provide relative to violations of law pertaining to the furnishing of
5 such information; to limit the assessment of penalties in connection with such law;
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:1061.1.2(C)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1061.1.2. Abortion based on genetic abnormality; prohibition

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13 (3) No person shall be found in violation of this Subsection, and no penalty
14 for a violation of this Subsection shall be assessed, in any instance in which the
15 informational document required by this Subsection is not available for use.

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17 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
18 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
19 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

- 1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
2 effective on the day following such approval.
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DIGEST

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HB 287 Engrossed

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Abstract: Limits assessment of penalties in connection with certain law concerning information to be conveyed to a woman prior to an abortion.

Present law prohibits intentionally performing or attempting to perform an abortion of an unborn child of less than 20 weeks post-fertilization age without first providing the pregnant woman with an informational document including resources, programs, and services for pregnant women who have a diagnosis of fetal genetic abnormality and resources, programs, and services for infants and children born with disabilities.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law stipulates that no person shall be found in violation of present law, and no penalty for a violation of present law shall be assessed, in any instance in which the required informational document is not available for use.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 40:1061.1.2(C)(3))