

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 423

2021 Regular Session

Emerson

ABORTION: Establishes requirements concerning reports of abortions performed or induced

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Requires the date of the abortion, name and address of the facility where the abortion was performed or induced, the nature of the abortion complication diagnosed or treated, and the name and address of the facility where the post-abortion care was performed to be included in a report required by proposed and present law.
2. Provides that the report required by proposed law shall be exempt from disclosure pursuant to present law known as the Public Records Law.
3. Makes technical changes.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides that the attending physician must complete an individual report for each abortion performed or induced. Present law further provides that the report shall be confidential and cannot contain the name or address of the woman.

Present law provides that the report shall include the parish and municipality, if any, in which the pregnant woman resides.

Proposed law retains present law; however, instead of the report including the parish and municipality, the report shall include the parish and zip code, if any, in which the pregnant woman resides.

Proposed law provides that the La. Dept. of Health shall, 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 minor pregnant woman under the age of 13 received an abortion.

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

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

Proposed law provides that the report required under proposed law shall include the date of the abortion, name and address of the facility where the abortion was performed or induced, the nature of the abortion complication diagnosed or treated, and the name and address of the facility where the post-abortion care was performed to be included in the report.

Proposed law provides that the report required by proposed law shall be exempt from disclosure pursuant to present law known as the Public Records Law.

(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)