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2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 104

BY SENATOR MIZELL

 $\label{eq:HEALTHCARE} HEALTH CARE. \ Provides \ relative to telephone \ access \ in \ outpatient \ abortion \ facilities. \ (gov \ sig)$

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 40:2175.8, relative to outpatient abortion facilities; to require outpatient
3	abortion facilities to permit certain communications by patients; to provide for
4	conditions for licensure; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; and to
5	provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 40:2175.8 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
8	§2175.8. Patient's right to unimpeded, private and uncensored telephone
9	communications; condition of facility licensing; penalties
10	A. A patient in an outpatient abortion facility shall be permitted
11	unimpeded, private, and uncensored communications with persons by
12	telephone. If an outpatient abortion facility requires a patient to forego
13	possession of the patient's mobile phone or cellular phone as a condition for
14	receiving services or patient access to the facility, the facility shall provide
15	telephone access in each procedure room.
16	B. A violation of this Section shall be considered a violation of a
17	condition of licensure and shall be subject to the penalties provided for in R.S.

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3 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not 4 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature 5 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If 6 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become 7 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument was prepared by Carla S. Roberts. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Brandi Cannon.

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<u>Proposed law</u> provides that a patient in an outpatient abortion facility shall be permitted unimpeded, private, and uncensored communications with persons by telephone. Further provides that if an outpatient abortion facility requires a patient to forego possession of the patient's mobile phone or cellular phone as a condition for receiving services or patient access to the facility, the outpatient abortion facility shall provide telephone access in each procedure room.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that a violation of <u>proposed law</u> shall be considered a violation of a condition of licensure and subject to penalty provisions under <u>present law</u>.

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

(Adds R.S. 40:2175.8)

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

- 1. Limits applicability to outpatient abortion facilities.
- 2. Requires facilities to provide telephone access in procedure rooms.
- 3. Changes the statute citation.