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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Amends definitions relative to the crime of abortion.

Present law provides for the crime of abortion.

Present law provides that abortion is not the removal of an ectopic pregnancy.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that removal of an ectopic pregnancy through surgery or treatment is not an abortion.

Present law provides that treatment of an ectopic pregnancy with methotrexate is not considered an abortion.

Proposed law removes this exception.

Present law defines "medically futile" as in reasonable medical judgment as certified by two physicians, the unborn child has a profound and irremediable congenital or chromosomal anomaly that is incompatible with sustaining life after birth.

Proposed law retains present law and adds to this definition or a spontaneous, profound, and irremedial complication of the pregnancy that makes the carriage to term of the unborn child likely due to the profound and irremediable spontaneous complication.

Proposed law adds endometrial implantation modification to the definition of "contraceptive".

(Amends R.S. 14:87.1(1)(b)(iii) and (v), (4)(c), (6) and (19)(a); Repeals 14:87.1(b)(iv))