

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 269

BY REPRESENTATIVE MANDIE LANDRY

PUBLIC HEALTH: Directs the Louisiana Department of Health to promulgate rules or regulations that clarify statutes regarding abortion to medical professionals

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To direct the Louisiana Department of Health to promulgate rules or regulations that provide  
3 clarification to medical professionals regarding the application of criminal  
4 prosecution, or lack thereof, for patients who have had an abortion or are suspected  
5 of having an abortion.

6 WHEREAS, there have been many misconceptions regarding the state statutes  
7 involving abortion, especially in light of the 2022 Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health  
8 Organization decision; and

9 WHEREAS, pursuant to various Louisiana statutes, a person who has an abortion is  
10 not to face criminal prosecution; and

11 WHEREAS, many Louisiana residents believe that presenting with complications  
12 of abortion or being suspected of complications from an abortion will result in criminal  
13 charges and is to be reported to law enforcement; and

14 WHEREAS, this belief breeds fear and deters women who are facing such  
15 complications from seeking healthcare treatment and services that may be life-saving; and

16 WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Louisiana Department of Health to protect and  
17 promote health care statewide and ensure access to medical, preventive, and rehabilitative  
18 services for all residents of this state; and

19 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health is also tasked with facilitating  
20 healthcare-related information to residents of this state; and

1           WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health has not provided material to  
2 healthcare professionals regarding patients who had an abortion or are suspected of having  
3 an abortion about their rights to healthcare services; and

4           WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health has not provided information to  
5 patients who have had an abortion or are suspected of having an abortion about their rights  
6 regarding healthcare services; and

7           WHEREAS, promulgating rules or regulations to clarify the abortion-related statutes  
8 in this state would provide medical professionals with an understanding of the newly enacted  
9 statutes to better inform their patients.

10          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
11 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby direct the Louisiana Department of Health to  
12 promulgate rules or regulations that provide clarification to medical professionals regarding  
13 the application of criminal prosecution, or lack thereof, for patients who have had an  
14 abortion or are suspected of having an abortion.

15          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall  
16 implement its rules or regulations no later than February 1, 2025.

17          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
18 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, the secretary of the Department of Public  
19 Safety and Corrections, and the president of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association.

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DIGEST

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