

**SB 33 By Senator Nevers**

**KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS IT LEFT THE SENATE**

ABORTION. Prohibits abortion, except when necessary to save the life of the mother.

**SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL**

1. Removes repeal of present law provisions (R.S. 40:1299.31 through R.S. 40:1299.35.18).
2. Adds provisions relative to continued eligibility to receive Medicaid funds.
3. Adds provision authorizing an abortion when a licensed physician performs a medical procedure necessary, in reasonable medical judgement, to prevent death or substantial risk of death due to a physical condition or to prevent the serious, permanent impairment of a life-sustaining organ of a pregnant woman.
4. Makes changes to provide with respect to fetal "stages" rather than "ages".
5. Makes the effective date of entire Act contingent on either a U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade, in whole or in part, or the adoption of a U.S. Constitutional amendment that allows states to prohibit abortions.

**DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS IT LEFT THE SENATE**

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DIGEST

Nevers (SB 33)

Present law (R.S. 40:1299.31 through R.S. 40:1299.35.18) permits abortion for any reason, protects a person who performs an abortion from liability or criminal responsibility.

Proposed law provides that this Act will only become effective upon a U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade, in whole or in part, or the adoption of a U.S. Constitutional amendment that allows states to prohibit abortions.

Proposed law (R.S. 40:1299.30), protects the life of the unborn child from the instant of conception to the instant of birth. Abortion is permitted only to protect the life of the birth mother.

Proposed law (R.S. 40:1299.31 through R.S. 40:1299.35.18), repeals present law.

Present law (R.S. 14:87) permits abortion for a pregnancy that results from rape or incest when the mothers' health is not in danger.

Proposed law permits abortion only when the life of the birth mother is in danger.

Proposed law provides for severability.

(Amends R.S. 14:87; adds R.S. 40:1299.30; repeals R.S. 40:1299.31-1299.35.18)

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