

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law requires that prior to an elective abortion being performed or induced, all of the following pre-abortion functions shall occur in order for a physician to perform the elective abortion procedure legally, and for consent to the procedure by the woman seeking the abortion to be deemed voluntary and informed:

- (1) Performance of an obstetric ultrasound examination on the woman that conforms with specifications provided in existing law (R.S. 40:1061.10).
- (2) Provision of information to the woman on psychological impacts of abortion, illegal coercion, abuse, and human trafficking in accordance with existing law (R.S. 40:1061.16).
- (3) Provision of oral information, printed materials, and completion of certification functions in accordance with all specifications of existing law known as the Woman's Right To Know law (R.S. 40:1061.17).

Prior law required that these pre-abortion functions occur at least 24 hours prior to the abortion procedure.

New law requires that these pre-abortion functions occur at least 72 hours prior to the abortion procedure, except in the case of a woman who certifies that she currently lives 150 miles or more from the nearest licensed outpatient abortion facility to her residence. In cases in which this exception applies, new law retains the 24-hour period provided in existing law for the required pre-abortion functions to occur.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 40:1061.10(D)(2), 1061.16(B), 1061.17(B)(3), (4)(b), (5), (6), and (8), and 1061.18(D))