
DIGEST

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HB 423 Engrossed

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Emerson

Abstract: Establishes requirements concerning reports of abortions performed or induced.

Present law provides that the attending physician must complete an individual report for each abortion performed or induced. Present law further provides that the report shall be confidential and cannot contain the name or address of the woman.

Present law provides that the report shall include the parish and municipality, if any, in which the pregnant woman resides.

Proposed law retains present law; however, instead of the report including the parish and municipality, the report shall include the parish and zip code, if any, in which the pregnant woman resides.

Proposed law provides that the La. Dept. of Health shall, on a quarterly basis, provide to the Dept. of Children and Family Services and the attorney general copies of all abortion reports in which a minor pregnant woman under the age of 13 received an abortion.

Proposed law provides that a hospital licensed by the La. Dept. of Health shall submit a report to the department on patients who received treatment in the emergency department as a result of complications after an abortion.

Proposed law provides that the La. Dept. of Health, in consultation with the La. State Board of Medical Examiners, shall jointly promulgate rules regarding the electronic coding, reporting, and tracking of complications after any abortion that is treated at any hospital.

Proposed law provides that the report required under proposed law shall include, at a minimum, the general nature of the abortion procedure, if known, the resulting complication, and the identity of the facility in which the original abortion was performed, if known.

(Amends R.S. 40:1061.21(A)(4); Adds R.S. 40:1061.21(E) and 2109.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Provide definitions of abortion language, citing present law.
2. Require the provision of certain information if known for the required report.
3. Make technical changes.