

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 578

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HEALTH CARE: Provides relative to disclosure of certain information relative to abortion pill reversal.

DIGEST

Present law provides for the regulation of abortions in this state to the extent it is provided for under federal law.

Proposed law requires a physician or agent acting under the direction of the physician administers to provide a disclosure statement when administering or dispensing mifepristone to a pregnant woman by doing any of the following:

- (1) Stapling the disclosure statement to a bag, envelope, or other package that contains misoprostol for the pregnant woman to self-administer at home.
- (2) Attaching the disclosure statement to a written prescription for misoprostol provided by the physician or agent.
- (3) Attaching the disclosure statement to the patient's discharge instruction if the prescription for misoprostol is sent directly to a pharmacy.

Proposed law requires the Louisiana Department of Health to provide the disclosure statement on an internet webpage.

Proposed law requires the disclosure statement to contain the following text:

ABORTION PILL REVERSAL? PLEASE READ BEFORE TAKING SECOND PILL: Recent research has indicated that the first pill provided, identified as mifepristone, is not always effective in ending a pregnancy. You may be able to avoid, cease, or reverse the intended effects of a chemically-induced abortion if the second pill provided, identified as misoprostol, is not taken and a trained medical professional provides an established progesterone protocol. If you want to discuss the possibility of continuing your pregnancy, please consult your physician or healthcare provider immediately. Please visit www.PregnancyInfo.La.gov.

Proposed law shall not be construed to do any of the following:

- (1) Create or recognize a right to abortion.
- (2) Require the disclosure statement to be provided to a woman facing a spontaneous miscarriage.
- (3) Require a pharmacy or any entity other than the facility where the abortion is administered to provide the disclosure statement.

Proposed law defines "abortion pill", "mifepristone", and "misoprostol".

Proposed law provides for the severability of proposed law.

Proposed law shall become effective upon the date that an abortion pill reversal regimen or protocol is approved or authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or the regimen or protocol is approved or authorized as a standard of care by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

(Adds R.S. 40:1061.11.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Change language of disclosure statement required by proposed law.
2. Delete the requirement that LDH identify a certain webpage and display its logo on the webpage.
3. Make technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the reengrossed bill

1. Provide for the interpretation of proposed law.
2. Provide for an effective date.
3. Make technical changes.