

## HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 578

2021 Regular Session

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

### Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Requires either a physician or the person acting under the physician's direction to provide the required disclosure statement to a pregnant woman.
2. Amends the language of the required disclosure statement to be provided before taking the second pill.
3. Provides that nothing in proposed law shall be construed as requiring a statement of disclosure to be provided to a woman facing spontaneous miscarriages.
4. Provides that nothing in the proposed law shall be construed as requiring a pharmacy or any entity other than the facility where the abortion is administered to provide a disclosure statement.
5. Makes technical changes.

### Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

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

Proposed law states that when a physician or the person acting under the physician's direction administers mifepristone to a pregnant woman, he shall provide a disclosure statement to the pregnant woman.

Proposed law further provides that the disclosure statement may be provided 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 thereof.
- (3) Attaching the disclosure statement to the patient's discharge instruction if the prescription for misoprostol is sent directly to a pharmacy.

The disclosure statement shall read as follows:

**"PLEASE READ BEFORE TAKING SECOND PILL**

Research has indicated that the first pill provided, identified as mifepristone, is not always effective in ending a pregnancy. If after taking the first pill you regret your decision, please consult a physician or healthcare provider immediately to determine if there are options available to assist you in continuing your pregnancy."

Proposed law stipulates that nothing in proposed law shall be construed as creating or recognizing a right to abortion.

Proposed law provides that nothing in proposed law shall be construed as requiring a statement of disclosure to be provided to a woman facing spontaneous miscarriages.

Proposed law provides that nothing in proposed law shall be construed as requiring a pharmacy or any entity other than the facility where the abortion is administered to provide a disclosure statement.

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

Proposed law provides that any provision of this Act held to be invalid or unenforceable by its terms, or as applied to any person or circumstance, shall be construed so as to give it the maximum effect permitted by law, unless such holding is one of utter invalidity or unenforceability, in which event such provision shall be deemed severable in accordance with R.S. 24:175, and shall not affect the remainder hereof or the application of such provision to other persons not similarly situated or to other dissimilar circumstances.

(Adds R.S. 40:1061.11.1)