2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 293

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

ABORTION: Provides for the definition of abortion

1   AN ACT

2   To amend and reenact R.S. 14:87.1(1)(a)(introductory paragraph), relative to abortion; to

3   provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

4   Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5   Section 1. R.S. 14:87.1(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and

6   reenacted to read as follows:

7   §87.1. Definitions

8   Wherever used in this Subpart, unless a different meaning clearly appears in

9   the context, the following terms, whether used in the singular or plural, shall have

10   the following meanings:

11   (1)(a) "Abortion" or "induced abortion" means the performance of any act

12   with the specific intent to terminate a clinically diagnosable pregnancy and with

13   knowledge that the termination by those means will, with reasonable likelihood,

14   cause the death of the unborn child by one or more of the following means:

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Redefines abortion.

Present law defines "abortion" as the performance of any act with the intent to terminate a clinically diagnosable pregnancy with knowledge that the termination by those means will, with reasonable likelihood, cause the death of the unborn child by one or more of the means provided in present law.

Proposed law defines "abortion" as the performance of any act with the specific intent to terminate a clinically diagnosable pregnancy and cause the death of the unborn child by one or more of the means provided in present law.

(Amends R.S. 14:87.1(1)(a)(intro. para.))