

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

House Bill No. 25 by Representative Crowe

ABORTION: Provides relative to a Woman's Right to Know

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. The bill returns to the House in the exact same posture as it left the House. The Senate floor amendments removed all amendments that were adopted in the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Proposed law requires that, at least 24 hours before the abortion, the physician who will perform the abortion inform the woman, orally and in person, of the following:

- (1) The availability of anesthesia or analgesics to alleviate or eliminate organic pain to the unborn child that could be caused by the method of abortion to be employed.
- (2) The option of reviewing and receiving an explanation of an obstetric ultrasound image of the unborn child. A woman is not required to view or receive an explanation of the obstetric ultrasound images. Neither the physician or the woman will be penalized should the woman choose not to view or receive an explanation of the obstetric ultrasound images.

Proposed law mandates that DHH publish, in English, printed materials that contain the following statements:

"By 20 weeks gestation, the unborn child has the physical structures necessary to experience pain. There is evidence that by 20 weeks gestation unborn children seek to evade certain stimuli in a manner which in an infant or an adult would be interpreted to be a response to pain. Anesthesia is routinely administered to unborn children who are 20 weeks gestational age or older who undergo prenatal surgery."

(Amends R.S. 40:1299.35.6(C)(1)(a); Adds R.S. 40:1299.35.6(A)(5)(d) and (B)(1)(g) and (h))