
DIGEST

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Abstract: With limited exceptions, extends the mandatory waiting period between certain required pre-abortion procedures and the performance of an abortion from 24 hours to 72 hours.

Present law requires that at least 24 hours prior to an elective abortion being performed or induced, all of the following shall occur in order for a physician to perform an elective abortion procedure legally, and for consent by the woman to the abortion procedure to be deemed voluntary and informed:

- (1) Performance of an obstetric ultrasound on the woman that conforms with all specifications for the procedure provided in present law (R.S. 40:1061.10).
- (2) Provision of information to the woman on psychological impacts of abortion, illegal coercion, abuse, and human trafficking in accordance with present law (R.S. 40:1061.16).
- (3) Provision of oral information, printed materials, and completion of certification functions in accordance with all specifications of present law known as the Woman's Right To Know law (R.S. 40:1061.17).

Proposed law extends the time period in which the pre-abortion functions required by present law are to occur from at least 24 hours prior to the abortion to at least 72 hours prior to the abortion, except in the case of a woman who certifies that she currently lives 150 miles or more from the nearest licensed outpatient abortion facility to her residence. In such cases, proposed law retains the 24-hour period provided in present law for the required pre-abortion functions to occur.

(Amends R.S. 40:1061.10(D)(2), 1061.16(B), 1061.17(B)(3), (4)(b), (5), (6), and (8), and 1061.18(D))