

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 87

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

ABORTION: Requests a study and report by the Dept. of Health and Hospitals concerning the possibility of reversing the effects of an abortion induced with drugs or chemicals

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to study whether the effects of an abortion induced with drugs or chemicals can be reversed, and to report findings and recommendations concerning this matter to the legislative committees on health and welfare.

WHEREAS, news reports published in February of 2015 indicated that Dr. George Delgado, medical director at Culture of Life Family Health Care in San Diego, California, had developed and successfully implemented a method of reversing what was thought to be the inevitably fatal effect of the RU-486 abortion pill; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2015, Arizona became the first U.S. state to enact a law requiring physicians who perform medication-induced abortions to tell women that the abortion procedure may be reversible; and

WHEREAS, implementation of these new requirements of physicians who perform abortions in Arizona has been delayed pending a ruling by the federal courts on the law establishing the requirements; and

WHEREAS, it is the longstanding policy of this state to protect the right to life of unborn children from the time of conception by prohibiting abortion impermissible only because of the decisions of the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, while enactment of a requirement for doctors who perform medication-induced abortions to tell women that the abortion procedure may be reversible would be

1 consistent with the pro-life values of this state, establishing such a requirement would be  
2 prudent only if the scientific basis of the abortion reversal method is sound.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
4 urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to study whether the effects of an  
5 abortion induced with drugs or chemicals can be reversed.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and Hospitals shall  
7 develop findings and recommendations concerning whether the effects of an abortion  
8 induced with drugs or chemicals can be reversed, and shall submit such findings and  
9 recommendations in the form of a written report to the House Committee on Health and  
10 Welfare and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare no later than thirty days prior to  
11 the convening of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
13 secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

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#### DIGEST

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Urges and requests the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to study whether the effects of an abortion induced with drugs or chemicals can be reversed and to report findings and recommendations concerning this matter to the legislative committees on health and welfare no later than 30 days prior to the convening of the 2017 R.S.