

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1274 (Substitute for House Bill No. 348 by Representative Badon)

BY REPRESENTATIVES BADON, ANDERS, BURFORD, HAVARD, HENSGENS,
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AND THOMPSON

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1299.58.10(E) and 1299.64.6(D), relative to life-sustaining
3 procedures; to require interpretations of the provisions of law regarding declarations
4 concerning life-sustaining procedures be made to preserve the life of an unborn
5 child; to require interpretations of the provisions of law regarding physician orders
6 for scope of treatment be made to preserve the life of an unborn child; to provide for
7 an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 40:1299.58.10(E) and 1299.64.6(D) are hereby amended and
10 reenacted to read as follows:

11 §1299.58.10. General application

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13 E. It is the policy of the state of Louisiana that human life is of the highest
14 and inestimable value through natural death. When interpreting this Part, any
15 ambiguity shall be interpreted to preserve human life, including the life of an unborn
16 child if the qualified patient is pregnant and an obstetrician who examines the
17 woman determines that the probable postfertilization age of the unborn child is
18 twenty or more weeks and the pregnant woman's life can reasonably be maintained
19 in such a way as to permit the continuing development and live birth of the unborn
20 child, and such determination is communicated to the relevant classes of family
21 members and persons designated in R.S. 40:1299.58.5.

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