

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 488

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

ABORTION: Provides relative to qualifications of physicians who perform elective abortions

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1061.10(A)(1), relative to regulation of abortion; to provide
3 for qualifications of physicians who perform elective abortions; and to provide for
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:1061.10(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

8 §1061.10. Abortion by physician; determination of viability; ultrasound test
9 required; exceptions; penalties

10 A.(1) Physician requirements. No person shall perform or induce an
11 abortion unless that person is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state
12 of Louisiana and is currently ~~enrolled in or has completed a residency~~ board-certified
13 or board-eligible in obstetrics and gynecology or family medicine. Any outpatient
14 abortion facility that knowingly or negligently employs, contracts with, or provides
15 any valuable consideration for the performance of an abortion in an outpatient
16 abortion facility by any person who does not meet the requirements of this Section
17 is subject to having its license denied, non-renewed, or revoked by the Department
18 of Health and Hospitals in accord with R.S. 40:2175.6.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases stringency of qualifications required of physicians who perform elective abortions.

Present law provides that no person shall perform or induce an elective abortion unless that person is a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state and is currently enrolled in or has completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology or family medicine.

Proposed law revises present law to provide that no person shall perform or induce an elective abortion unless that person is a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state and is board-certified or board-eligible in obstetrics and gynecology or family medicine.

(Amends R.S. 40:1061.10(A)(1))