
DIGEST

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HB 488 Engrossed

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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 in obstetrics and gynecology or family medicine, or is or is enrolled in a residency program for obstetrics and gynecology or family medicine and only performs or induces an abortion under the direct supervision of a physician who is board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology or family medicine.

Proposed law defines "direct supervision", for purposes of proposed law, to mean that the physician must be present in the hospital, on the campus, or in the outpatient facility, and immediately available to furnish assistance and direction throughout the performance of the procedure, but need not be present in the room when the procedure is performed in order to maintain direct supervision.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Revise the physician qualifications provided in proposed law to stipulate that no physician shall perform or induce an abortion unless he is board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology or family medicine, or is enrolled in a residency program for obstetrics and gynecology or family medicine and only performs or induces an abortion under the direct supervision of a physician who is board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology or family medicine.
2. Define "direct supervision" for purposes of proposed law to mean that the physician must be present in the hospital, on the campus, or in the outpatient facility, and immediately available to furnish assistance and direction throughout the performance of the

procedure, but need not be present in the room when the procedure is performed in order to maintain direct supervision.