
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for exceptions to abortion laws relative to acts that constitute certain sex offenses.

Present law defines "abortion" and provides a list of acts performed by a physician that are not, by definition, considered acts of abortion.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that "abortion" is not the termination of a pregnancy that is the result of an act that constitutes any of the following offenses:

- (1) Rape (R.S. 14:41).
- (2) First degree rape (R.S. 14:42).
- (3) Second degree rape (R.S. 14:42.1).
- (4) Third degree rape (R.S. 14:43).
- (5) Sexual battery (R.S. 14:43.1).
- (6) Felony carnal knowledge of a juvenile (R.S. 14:80).
- (7) Molestation of a juvenile or a person with a physical or mental disability (R.S. 14:81.2).
- (8) Crime against nature (R.S. 14:89).
- (9) Aggravated crime against nature (R.S. 14:89.1).

Proposed law further provides that the provisions of proposed law do not require any of the following:

- (1) A police or investigatory report.
- (2) Forensic evidence provided by the pregnant female.
- (3) A prosecution of the alleged offense.

(Adds R.S. 14:87.1(1)(b)(vii))