

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

House Bill No. 1274 by Representative Badon

HEALTH SERVICES: Provides relative to life-sustaining procedures for pregnant women

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Provides that proposed law shall not be interpreted to interfere with the right of a spouse, child, parent, or sibling of a woman to make end of life decisions.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

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Nothing in proposed law shall be interpreted to interfere with the right of a spouse, child, parent, or sibling of a woman to make end of life decisions.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:1299.58.10(E) and 1299.64.6(D))