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ACT No. 850

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

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AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

§1299.58.10. General application

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

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