

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST**ACT 98 (HB 488)****2016 Regular Session****Jackson**

Prior law provided 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.

New 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 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.

New law defines "direct supervision", for purposes of new 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.

Effective August 1, 2016.

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