

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

ABORTION. Provides relative to a Woman's Right to Know.

DIGEST

Proposed law requires that, at least 24 hours before the abortion, the physician who will perform the abortion inform the woman, orally and in person, of the availability of anesthesia or analgesics to alleviate or eliminate organic pain.

Present law mandates that DHH publish, in English, printed materials that contain information for the woman concerning public and private agencies and services available to assist a woman through pregnancy and other related information.

Proposed law requires that prior to the distribution of the updated printed materials, DHH submit the updated printed materials to the committees on health and welfare of the House and Senate for legislative oversight review pursuant to the APA.

Proposed law further creates the Woman's Right to Know Advisory Committee and provides for its membership, election of officers and meetings. Provides for the advisory committee to study information related to the unborn child at the various gestational ages and make recommendations to DHH regarding the content of the materials published by the department. Requires that such recommendations shall be objective, nonjudgmental, and designed to convey only accurate scientific information about the unborn child at the various gestational ages. Requires that all recommendations shall be made to DHH by December thirty-first of each year.

(Adds R.S. 40:1299.35.6(A)(5)(d), (B)(1)(g), and (C)(5) and (6))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

- 1. Makes technical changes.
- 2. Adds to the requirements of informed consent.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the reengrossed bill.

- 1. Deletes references to the organic pain to the unborn child that could be caused by the particular method of abortion to be employed.
- 2. Deletes the requirement that at least 24 hours before the abortion, the physician who is to perform the abortion inform the woman of the option of reviewing and receiving an explanation of an obstetric ultrasound image of the unborn child.
- 3. Deletes the provisions requiring the informational materials to contain provisions related to the point in the unborn child's development at which he has the physical structures necessary to experience pain and related information.

4. Requires that prior to the distribution of the updated printed materials, DHH submit the updated printed materials to the committees on health and welfare of the House and Senate for legislative oversight review pursuant to the APA.
5. Creates the Woman's Right to Know Advisory Committee and provides for the committee to study information related to the unborn child at the various gestational ages and make recommendations to DHH regarding the content of the materials published by the department.