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

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

1 AN ACT

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

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

11 §1299.58.10. General application

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13 E. It is the policy of the state of Louisiana that human life is of the highest  
14 and inestimable value through natural death. When interpreting this Part, any  
15 ambiguity shall be interpreted to preserve human life, including the life of an unborn  
16 child if the qualified patient is pregnant and an obstetrician who examines the  
17 woman determines that the pregnant woman's life can reasonably be maintained in



Proposed law retains present law and further requires interpretations be made to preserve the life of an unborn child if the qualified patient is pregnant and an obstetrician who examines the woman determines that 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.

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))