

SENATE BILL NO. 325

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1061.31, relative to a diagnosis of a fetal abnormality; to provide that certain disclosure documents be made available to women who are pregnant mothers who have received a diagnosis of a fetal abnormality; to provide for information on fetal abnormalities; to provide for written statements; to provide for information regarding financial assistance; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:1061.31 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1061.31. Compatible with Love Empowerment Act

A. No more than seventy-two hours after a pregnant woman is informed that her unborn child has a fetal abnormality diagnosis, the healthcare provider who gave the diagnosis shall provide to the woman an informational document that includes resources, programs, and services for pregnant women and resources, programs, and services for infants and children born with disabilities.

B. The Louisiana Department of Health shall develop an informational document to comply with the mandate established in this Section to include resources, programs, and services for a pregnant woman whose unborn child has been diagnosed with a fetal abnormality and resources, programs, and services for infants and children born with disabilities and shall make such information available to any requesting provider of women's health care services and shall maintain the information on a link on the department's website. The information shall include the availability of perinatal hospice and palliative care and pediatric hospice and palliative care services located in

1 Louisiana, non-profit organizations that provide support to women who carry
 2 a child to term in these situations, and mental health services in Louisiana to
 3 support the mother and father of the child. The informational document
 4 provided for in this Section may be merged with the informational document
 5 mandated by R.S. 40:1061.1.4.

6 C. The provisions set forth in Subsection B of this Section shall include
 7 specific instructions on how and where families of children with disabilities may
 8 apply for financial assistance and financial benefits made available via the
 9 Medicaid program in this state and similar programs.

10 Section 2. This Act shall be known and may be cited as "The Compatible with Love
 11 Empowerment Act".

 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____