SENATE BILL NO. 90

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1299.35.1(7), 1299.35.2(A), 1299.35.19(introductory
3	paragraph) and (1) and to enact R.S. 40:1299.35.2.1, relative to abortions; to amend
4	the definition of "physician"; to provide for certain requirements which must be met
5	by a physician who performs an abortion; to provide for drugs or chemicals used; to
6	provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 40:1299.35.1(7), 1299.35.2(A), 1299.35.19(introductory paragraph)
9	and (1) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:1299.35.2.1 is hereby enacted to read
10	as follows:
11	§1299.35.1. Definitions
12	As used in R.S. 40:1299.35.0 through 1299.35.19, the following words have
13	the following meanings:
14	* * *
15	(7) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine in the state of
16	Louisiana who meets the requirements of R.S. 40:1299.35.2.
17	* * *
18	§1299.35.2. Abortion by physician; determination of viability; ultrasound test
19	required; exceptions; penalties

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Coding: Words which are struck through are deletions from existing law; words in **boldface type and underscored** are additions.

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A. Physician requirement. No person shall perform or induce an abortion unless that person is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana and is currently enrolled in or has completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology or family medicine. Any outpatient abortion facility that knowingly or negligently employs, contracts with, or provides any valuable consideration for the performance of an abortion to in an outpatient abortion facility by any person who is not a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, does not meet the requirements of this Section is subject to having its license denied, non-renewed, or revoked by the Department of Health and Hospitals in accord with R.S. 40:2175.6.

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§1299.35.2.1. Drugs or chemicals used; penalties

A. When any drug or chemical is used for the purpose of inducing an abortion as defined in R.S. 40:1299.35.1(1), the physician who prescribed the drug or chemical shall be in the same room and in the physical presence of the pregnant woman when the drug or chemical is initially administered, dispensed, or otherwise provided to the pregnant woman.

B. Any person who knowingly performs or attempts to perform an abortion without complying with the requirements of this Section shall be subject to penalties pursuant to R.S. 40:1299.35.19. No penalty may be assessed against the woman upon whom the abortion is performed or attempted to be performed.

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§1299.35.19. Penalties

Whoever violates the provisions of this Part shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars **per incidence or occurrence**, or imprisoned for not more than two years, or both. In addition to whatever remedies are otherwise available under the law of this state, failure to comply with the provisions of this Part shall:

(1) Provide a basis for a civil malpractice action. <u>Such an action may be</u> <u>brought by the woman upon whom the abortion was performed.</u> Any intentional

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violation of this Part shall be admissible in a civil suit as prima facie evidence of a 1 2 failure to comply with the requirements of this Part. When requested, the court shall 3 allow a woman to proceed using solely her initials or a pseudonym and may close 4 any proceedings in the case and enter other protective orders to preserve the privacy 5 of the woman upon whom the abortion was performed. 6 7 Section 2. If any provision or item of this Act, or the application thereof, is held 8 invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of the Act 9 which can be given effect without the invalid provision, item, or application and to this end 10 the provisions of this Act are hereby declared severable. 11 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not 12 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature 13 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If 14 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval. 15 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____