

ABORTION CLINIC LICENSING AMENDMENTS

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Brian S. King

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill limits the Department of Health's rulemaking authority.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ prohibits the Department of Health from making licensing rules regarding hospital admitting privileges or a hospital transfer agreement for an abortion service provider.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

26-21-6.5, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 161

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **26-21-6.5** is amended to read:

26-21-6.5. Licensing of an abortion clinic -- Rulemaking authority -- Fee.

(1) Beginning on April 1, 2012, a type I abortion clinic may not operate in the state without a license issued by the department to operate a type I abortion clinic.



28 (2) A type II abortion clinic may not operate in the state without a license issued by the
29 department to operate a type II abortion clinic.

30 (3) (a) The department shall make rules establishing minimum health, safety, sanitary,
31 and recordkeeping requirements for:

32 (i) a type I abortion clinic; and

33 (ii) a type II abortion clinic.

34 (b) The rules established under Subsection (3)(a):

35 (i) shall take effect on April 1, 2012[-]; and

36 (ii) may not require hospital admitting privileges or a hospital transfer agreement for an
37 abortion service provider, including an attending physician or a medical director.

38 (4) Beginning on April 1, 2012, in order to receive and maintain a license described in
39 this section, an abortion clinic shall:

40 (a) apply for a license on a form prescribed by the department;

41 (b) satisfy and maintain the minimum health, safety, sanitary, and recordkeeping
42 requirements established under Subsection (3)(a) that relate to the type of abortion clinic
43 licensed;

44 (c) comply with the recordkeeping and reporting requirements of Subsection
45 [76-7-305.6\(4\)](#) and Section [76-7-313](#);

46 (d) comply with the requirements of Title 76, Chapter 7, Part 3, Abortion;

47 (e) pay the annual licensing fee; and

48 (f) cooperate with inspections conducted by the department.

49 (5) Beginning on April 1, 2012, the department shall, at least twice per year, inspect
50 each abortion clinic in the state to ensure that the abortion clinic is complying with all statutory
51 and licensing requirements relating to the abortion clinic. At least one of the inspections shall
52 be made without providing notice to the abortion clinic.

53 (6) Beginning on April 1, 2012, the department shall charge an annual license fee, set
54 by the department in accordance with the procedures described in Section [63J-1-504](#), to an
55 abortion clinic in an amount that will pay for the cost of the licensing requirements described in
56 this section and the cost of inspecting abortion clinics.

57 (7) The department shall deposit the licensing fees described in this section in the
58 General Fund as a dedicated credit to be used solely to pay for the cost of the licensing

59 requirements described in this section and the cost of inspecting abortion clinics.

Legislative Review Note
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