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Bill Analysis

SB 778 requires physicians to, prior to administering an abortion-inducing drug, to follow procedures outlined in the measure. The physicians must determine the woman's blood type and administer RhoGAM at the time of the abortion if the woman is Rh negative. Additionally, the physician must inform the woman that she may see the remains of her unborn child after the procedure. The physician must also document the gestational age and intrauterine location of the pregnancy and whether the patient received treatment for Rh negativity. The physician must then schedule a follow-up exam 7-14 days after the procedure.

Informed consent must be obtained 72 hours prior to administering the drug. The consent form shall be provided by the State Department of Health and must be filled in the manner prescribed by the measure. Additionally, the Department shall receive a report from each facility providing abortions using the consent forms to promote maternal health. Using these reports, the Department shall compile a comprehensive annual statistical report for the Legislature. The measure provides for the confidentiality of each patient to be maintained. Physicians shall report any adverse health event relating to the administration of an abortion-inducing drug to the Department. No abortion-inducing drug may be provided on state grounds. Any person found to have violated the provisions of this measure shall be guilty of a misdemeanor or a felony if the person fraudulently used an abortion-inducing drug. Persons found to have violated the provisions of this measure shall be subject to professional and civil penalties.

The Legislature may also appoint 1 or more members who sponsored or cosponsored this measure to intervene as a matter of right in any case in which the constitutionality of this act is challenged. The measure provides for severability of its provisions.

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