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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to uterine fibroid research and
3 education; creating s. 381.9312, F.S.; providing
4 definitions; requiring the Department of Health to
5 develop and maintain an electronic database of
6 information related to uterine fibroids; providing a
7 specified purpose for such database; requiring that
8 the database include specified information; requiring
9 health care providers to submit certain information to
10 the department for inclusion in the database;
11 prohibiting the database from including any personal
12 identifying information; providing that such
13 information is confidential; authorizing certain
14 persons to use such information for a specified
15 purpose; requiring the department, in consultation
16 with the Florida Medical Association, to develop and
17 disseminate certain information to educate health care
18 providers and conduct a public awareness campaign;
19 providing an effective date.

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21 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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23 Section 1. Section 381.9312, Florida Statutes, is created
24 to read:

25 381.9312 Uterine fibroid research database; education and
26 public awareness.-

27 (1) DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section, the term:

28 (a) "Department" means the Department of Health.

29 (b) "Health care provider" means a physician licensed under

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30 chapter 458 or an advanced practice registered nurse registered
31 under s. 464.0123.

32 (c) "Uterine fibroid" means a noncancerous growth of the
33 uterus that often appears during a woman's childbearing years.

34 (2) UTERINE FIBROID RESEARCH DATABASE.—

35 (a) The department shall develop and maintain an electronic
36 database consisting of information related to uterine fibroids.
37 The purpose of the database is to encourage research relating to
38 the diagnosis and treatment of uterine fibroids and ensure that
39 women are provided with the relevant information and health care
40 necessary to prevent and treat uterine fibroids. The database
41 must include, but need not be limited to, all of the following
42 information:

43 1. Incidence and prevalence of women diagnosed with uterine
44 fibroids in the state.

45 2. Demographic attributes of women diagnosed with uterine
46 fibroids in the state.

47 3. Treatments and procedures for uterine fibroids used by
48 health care providers in the state.

49 (b) A health care provider who diagnoses or treats a woman
50 with uterine fibroids shall submit information relating to such
51 diagnosis or treatment to the department in a form and manner
52 prescribed by department rule for inclusion in the database.
53 Such information may be submitted along with any reports or
54 other information that the health care provider is required to
55 submit to the department pursuant to state law.

56 (c) The database may not include any personal identifying
57 information of women diagnosed with or treated for uterine
58 fibroids. Such information is confidential and may be used only

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59 by employees or agents of the department for the purpose of
60 conducting uterine fibroid research.

61 (3) UTERINE FIBROID EDUCATION OUTREACH AND PUBLIC
62 AWARENESS.—The department, in consultation with the Florida
63 Medical Association, shall develop and disseminate information
64 related to uterine fibroids to educate health care providers and
65 conduct a campaign to increase public awareness of uterine
66 fibroids which must include, but need not be limited to, all of
67 the following:

68 (a) Possible risk factors for developing uterine fibroids,
69 including, but not limited to, the races or ethnicities of women
70 who have a statistically elevated risk of developing uterine
71 fibroids.

72 (b) Range of available treatment options for uterine
73 fibroids, including, but not limited to, treatments and
74 procedures that are considered alternatives to hysterectomy.

75 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.