

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  
 30 under chapter 458 or an advanced practice registered nurse  
 31 registered 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  
 36 electronic database consisting of information related to uterine  
 37 fibroids. The purpose of the database is to encourage research  
 38 relating to the diagnosis and treatment of uterine fibroids and  
 39 ensure that women are provided with the relevant information and  
 40 health care necessary to prevent and treat uterine fibroids. The  
 41 database must include, but need not be limited to, all of the  
 42 following information:

43 1. Incidence and prevalence of women diagnosed with  
 44 uterine 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  
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.