

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 to develop and  
16 include information related to fibroids in certain  
17 literature currently made available to the public for  
18 a specified purpose; providing an effective date.

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

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

24 381.9312 Uterine fibroid research database; education and  
25 public awareness.-

26        (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:  
 27        (a) "Department" means the Department of Health.  
 28        (b) "Health care provider" means a physician licensed  
 29 under chapter 458 or chapter 459 or an autonomous advanced  
 30 practice registered nurse registered under s. 464.0123.  
 31        (c) "Uterine fibroid" means a noncancerous growth of the  
 32 uterus that often appears during a woman's childbearing years.  
 33        (2) UTERINE FIBROID RESEARCH DATABASE.—  
 34        (a) The department shall develop and maintain an  
 35 electronic database consisting of information related to uterine  
 36 fibroids. The purpose of the database is to encourage research  
 37 relating to the diagnosis and treatment of uterine fibroids and  
 38 to ensure that women are provided with the relevant information  
 39 and health care necessary to prevent and treat uterine fibroids.  
 40 The database must include, but need not be limited to, all of  
 41 the following information:  
 42        1. Incidence and prevalence of women diagnosed with  
 43 uterine fibroids in the state.  
 44        2. Demographic attributes of women diagnosed with uterine  
 45 fibroids in the state.  
 46        3. Treatments and procedures for uterine fibroids used by  
 47 health care providers in the state.  
 48        (b) A health care provider who diagnoses or treats a woman  
 49 with uterine fibroids shall submit information relating to such  
 50 diagnosis or treatment to the department in a form and manner

51 prescribed by department rule for inclusion in the database.  
 52 Such information may be submitted along with any reports or  
 53 other information that the health care provider is required to  
 54 submit to the department pursuant to state law.

55 (3) UTERINE FIBROID EDUCATION OUTREACH AND PUBLIC  
 56 AWARENESS.—The department shall develop and include information  
 57 related to uterine fibroids in its women's health care  
 58 educational materials currently made available to the public.  
 59 The information must include, but need not be limited to, the  
 60 following:

- 61 (a) Possible risk factors for developing uterine fibroids.
- 62 (b) Range of available treatment options that are  
 63 considered alternatives to hysterectomy.

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