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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Jones moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Delete lines 216 - 224

and insert:

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(2) PERFORMANCE BY PHYSICIAN REQUIRED.—Only a physician may perform or induce a No termination of pregnancy shall be performed at any time except by a physician as defined in s. 390.011.

9 (3) CONSENTS REQUIRED.—A termination of pregnancy may not
10 be performed or induced except with the voluntary and informed
11 written consent of the pregnant woman or, in the case of a

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12 mental incompetent, the voluntary and informed written consent 13 of her court-appointed guardian.

14 (a) Except in the case of a medical emergency, consent to a 15 termination of pregnancy is voluntary and informed only if:

16 1. The physician who is to perform the procedure, or the 17 referring physician, has, at a minimum, orally, while physically present in the same room, and at least 24 hours before the 19 procedure, informed the woman of:

20 a. The nature and risks of undergoing or not undergoing the 21 proposed procedure that a reasonable patient would consider 22 material to making a knowing and willful decision of whether to 23 terminate a pregnancy.

b. The probable gestational age of the fetus, verified by an ultrasound, at the time the termination of pregnancy is to be performed.

(I) The ultrasound must be performed by the physician who is to perform the abortion or by a person having documented evidence that he or she has completed a course in the operation of ultrasound equipment as prescribed by rule and who is working in conjunction with the physician.

32 (II) The person performing the ultrasound must offer the 33 woman the opportunity to view the live ultrasound images and 34 hear an explanation of them. If the woman accepts the 35 opportunity to view the images and hear the explanation, a 36 physician or a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant 37 38 working in conjunction with the physician must contemporaneously 39 review and explain the images to the woman before the woman 40 gives informed consent to having an abortion procedure



41 performed.

(III) The woman has a right to decline to view and hear the 42 43 explanation of the live ultrasound images after she is informed 44 of her right and offered an opportunity to view the images and 45 hear the explanation. If the woman declines, the woman shall 46 complete a form acknowledging that she was offered an 47 opportunity to view and hear the explanation of the images but that she declined that opportunity. The form must also indicate 48 49 that the woman's decision was not based on any undue influence 50 from any person to discourage her from viewing the images or 51 hearing the explanation and that she declined of her own free 52 will.

(IV) Unless requested by the woman, the person performing 53 54 the ultrasound may not offer the opportunity to view the images 55 and hear the explanation and the explanation may not be given 56 if, at the time the woman schedules or arrives for her appointment to obtain an abortion, a copy of a restraining 57 58 order, police report, medical record, or other court order or 59 documentation is presented which provides evidence that the 60 woman is obtaining the abortion because the woman is a victim of rape, incest, domestic violence, or human trafficking or that 61 62 the woman has been diagnosed as having a condition that, on the 63 basis of a physician's good faith clinical judgment, would 64 create a serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment 65 of a major bodily function if the woman delayed terminating her 66 pregnancy.

c. The medical risks to the woman and fetus of carrying thepregnancy to term.

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70 The physician may provide the information required in this 71 subparagraph through telehealth as defined in s. 456.47 if the 72 pregnant woman resides more than 100 miles from the nearest 73 abortion provider. The physician may provide the information 74 required in this subparagraph within 24 hours before the 75 procedure if requested by the woman at the time she schedules or 76 arrives for her appointment to obtain an abortion and if she 77 presents to the physician a copy of a restraining order, police 78 report, medical record, or other court order or documentation 79 evidencing that she is obtaining the abortion because she is a 80 victim of rape, incest, domestic violence, or human trafficking. 81 2. Printed materials prepared and provided by the 82 department have been provided to the pregnant woman, if she chooses to view these materials, including: 83 84 a. A description of the fetus, including a description of 85 the various stages of development. b. A list of entities that offer alternatives to 86 87 terminating the pregnancy. c. Detailed information on the availability of medical 88 89 assistance benefits for prenatal care, childbirth, and neonatal 90 care. 91 3. The woman acknowledges in writing, before the 92 termination of pregnancy, that the information required to be 93 provided under this subsection has been provided. 94 95 Nothing in this paragraph is intended to prohibit a physician 96 from providing any additional information which the physician 97 deems material to the woman's informed decision to terminate her 98 pregnancy.

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100	===== DIRECTORY CLAUSE AMENDMENT ======
101	And the directory clause is amended as follows:
102	Delete line 180
103	and insert:
104	Section 3. Subsections (1) and (2), paragraph (a) of
105	subsection (3), and subsections (10) and (13) of section
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108	And the title is amended as follows:
109	Delete lines 28 - 33
110	and insert:
111	authorizing a physician to use telehealth to provide
112	specified information for purposes of obtaining
113	informed consent for an abortion procedure under
114	certain circumstances; conforming

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