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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 390, L.D. 535, Bill, "An Act to Ban Partial Birth Abortions"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause the following:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1596, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1989, c. 274, §1, is amended to read:

2. **Abortion reports.** A report of each abortion performed shall must be made to the Department of Human Services on forms prescribed by the department. These report forms shall may not identify the patient by name or otherwise and shall must contain only the information requested on the United States Standard Report of Induced Termination of Pregnancy, published by the National Center for Health Statistics, dated January 1978, or any more recent revision of a standard report form as well as the type of abortion procedure used.

The form containing that information and data shall must be prepared and signed by the attending physician and transmitted to the department not later than 10 days following the end of the month in which the abortion is performed.

A physician who reports data on an abortion pursuant to this section shall ~~be~~ is immune from any criminal liability for that abortion under section 1598.'

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

HOUSE AMENDMENT

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FISCAL NOTE

This amendment adds a reporting requirement. The Department of Human Services will incur some minor additional costs to revise forms for required abortion reporting and to process the additional information included in these abortion reports. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.

SUMMARY

This amendment requires physicians who perform abortions to report the abortion procedure used when reporting abortion information to the Department of Human Services. This will result in better data for abortions in this State.

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