

HB 2030 -- Unborn Child Pain Prevention Act

Sponsor: Davis

This bill establishes the Unborn Child Pain Prevention Act which requires a physician to inform his or her patient whose gestational age is 20 weeks or more and at least 24 hours before an abortion is performed of her right to review literature on the capacity of an unborn child to experience pain during the procedure. Before an abortion can be performed, the patient must certify in writing that she has been informed of her opportunity to review the literature; and the physician must keep a copy of this certificate in the patient's file for at least three years. A physician must also explain the option and medical risks associated with administering an anesthetic or analgesic to eliminate or alleviate pain to the unborn child.

The Department of Health and Senior Services is required to publish within 90 days after the effective date information on the provisions of the bill.