

HCS HBs 1307 & 1313 -- WAITING PERIOD FOR ABORTIONS (Elmer)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on Health Care Policy

Currently, there is a minimum 24-hour waiting period before a woman can have an abortion. This bill increases the minimum waiting period to 72 hours.

The bill specifies that if the provisions requiring a 72-hour waiting period for an abortion are ever temporarily or permanently restrained or enjoined by judicial order, the waiting period for an abortion must be 24 hours; provided, however, that if the temporary or permanent restraining order or injunction is stayed or dissolved, or otherwise ceases to have effect, the waiting period for an abortion must be 72 hours.

The bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to create a video that contains all of the information that must be provided to a woman considering an abortion by the physician who is to perform or induce the abortion except that the video is not required to contain the name of the physician who will perform or induce the abortion.