

HB 2071 -- ABORTED TISSUE REPORT REQUIREMENTS

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Currently, only a representative sample of tissue removed at the time of abortion must be sent to a pathologist. This bill requires all tissue removed at the abortion to be sent to a pathologist. The tissue report must contain a certification that all submitted tissue has been disposed of in accordance with state law. Beginning January 1, 2017, the bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to make an annual report to the General Assembly. For each abortion procedure reported to the department the previous year the report must include the termination procedure used with an estimation of gestation; whether the department received the tissue report for the abortion and a certification of the disposal of the remains, and the existence and nature of any inconsistencies or concerns between the report submitted by the abortion provider and the tissue report. The report must not include any personal patient information that is prohibited from disclosure by state and federal law.

This bill is similar to SB 644 (2016).