

HB 771 -- SELECTIVE ABORTIONS

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This bill prohibits any person from performing or inducing an abortion on a woman if the person knows that the woman is seeking the abortion solely because of a prenatal diagnosis, test, or screening indicating Down Syndrome or the potential of Down Syndrome in an unborn child. Additionally, this bill prohibits any person from performing or inducing an abortion on a woman if the person knows that the woman is seeking the abortion solely because of the sex or race of the unborn child.

Currently, all attending physicians must complete an abortion report for each abortion performed. This bill requires the physician to include in that report a certification that the physician does not have any knowledge that the woman sought the abortion solely because of a prenatal diagnosis, test, or screening indicating Down Syndrome or the potential of Down Syndrome in an unborn child, as well as a certification that the physician does not have any knowledge that the woman sought the abortion solely because of the sex or race of the unborn child.

Any physician or other person who violates the provisions of this bill shall be guilty of all applicable civil penalties and revocation of his or her professional license.

This bill is similar to HB 1867 (2018) and SB 96 (2017).