

HB 163 -- ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS

SPONSOR: Seitz

This bill establishes the offense of trafficking abortion-inducing drugs if a person or entity knowingly imports, exports, distributes, delivers, manufactures, produces, prescribes, administers, or dispenses, or attempts to do so, any medicine, drug, or other means or substance to be used to induce an abortion on another person in violation of state or federal law. The offense is a class B felony.

Furthermore, the bill prohibits the Board of Pharmacy within the Division of Professional Registration within the Department of Commerce and Insurance from issuing or renewing a non-resident pharmacy license if the applicant or licensee delivers directly to a patient in this state any medicine, drug, or other means or substance to be used to induce an abortion.

It is also unlawful for a licensed or registered out-of-state wholesale distributor, out-of-state pharmacy acting as a distributor, drug outsourcer, or third-party logistics provider to deliver directly to a patient in this state any medicine, drug, or other means or substance to be used to induce an abortion. The penalty for a violation of this provision is the same as other unlawful acts of such entities and is a class D felony.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 2810 (2022).