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AN ACT

To repeal sections 188.021, 188.027, 188.030, 188.039, 188.047, 188.075, 192.665, 192.667, 197.150, 197.152, 197.158, 197.160, 197.162, 197.165, 197.200, 197.205, 197.215, 197.220, 197.225, 197.230, 197.235, 197.240, 197.285, 197.287, 197.289, 197.293, 197.295, and 595.027, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof thirty-one new sections relating to abortions, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 188.021, 188.027, 188.030, 188.039, 188.047, 188.075,

- 2 192.665, 192.667, 197.150, 197.152, 197.158, 197.160, 197.162, 197.165, 197.200,
- 3 197.205, 197.215, 197.220, 197.225, 197.230, 197.235, 197.240, 197.285, 197.287,
- 4 197.289, 197.293, 197.295, and 595.027, RSMo, are repealed and thirty-one new
- 5 sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 188.021, 188.027,
- 6 188.030, 188.039, 188.047, 188.075, 188.125, 188.160, 192.665, 192.667, 197.150,
- 7 197.152, 197.158, 197.160, 197.162, 197.165, 197.200, 197.205, 197.215, 197.220,
- 8 197.225, 197.230, 197.235, 197.240, 197.285, 197.287, 197.289, 197.293, 197.295,
- 9 574.200, and 595.027, to read as follows:

188.021. 1. When RU-486 (mifepristone) or any drug or chemical is used

- 2 for the purpose of inducing an abortion, the initial dose of the drug or chemical
- 3 shall be administered in the same room and in the physical presence of the
- 4 physician who prescribed, dispensed, or otherwise provided the drug or chemical
- 5 to the patient. The physician inducing the abortion, or a person acting on such
- 6 physician's behalf, shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure that the patient

7 returns after the administration or use of RU-486 or any drug or chemical for a 8 follow-up visit unless such termination of the pregnancy has already been 9 confirmed and the patient's medical condition has been assessed by a licensed 10 physician prior to discharge.

- 2. When the Food and Drug Administration label of any drug or chemical used for the purpose of inducing an abortion includes any clinical study in which more than one percent of those administered the drug or chemical required surgical intervention after its administration, no physician may prescribe or administer such drug or chemical to any patient without first obtaining approval from the department of health and senior services of a complication plan from the physician for administration of the drug or chemical to any patient. The complication plan shall include any information deemed necessary by the department to ensure the safety of any patient suffering complications as a result of the administration of the drug or chemical in question. No complication plan shall be required where the patient is administered the drug in a medical emergency at a hospital and is then treated as an inpatient at a hospital under medical monitoring by the hospital until the abortion is completed.
- 3. The department may adopt rules, regulations, and standards governing complication plans to ensure that patients undergoing abortions induced by drugs or chemicals have access to safe and reliable care. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010 that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after the effective date of this act, shall be invalid and void.

188.027. 1. Except in the case of medical emergency, no abortion shall be performed or induced on a woman without her voluntary and informed consent, given freely and without coercion. Consent to an abortion is voluntary and informed and given freely and without coercion if, and only if, at least seventy-two hours prior to the abortion:

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- 6 (1) The physician who is to perform or induce the abortion [or], a qualified 7 professional, **or the referring physician** has informed the woman orally, 8 reduced to writing, and in person, of the following:
 - (a) The name of the physician who will perform or induce the abortion;
- 10 (b) Medically accurate information that a reasonable patient would 11 consider material to the decision of whether or not to undergo the abortion, 12 including:
 - a. A description of the proposed abortion method;
- b. The immediate and long-term medical risks to the woman associated with the proposed abortion method including, but not limited to, infection, hemorrhage, cervical tear or uterine perforation, harm to subsequent pregnancies or the ability to carry a subsequent child to term, and possible adverse psychological effects associated with the abortion; and
- 19 c. The immediate and long-term medical risks to the woman, in light of 20 the anesthesia and medication that is to be administered, the unborn child's 21 gestational age, and the woman's medical history and medical condition;
- 22 (c) Alternatives to the abortion which shall include making the woman 23 aware that information and materials shall be provided to her detailing such 24 alternatives to the abortion;
 - (d) A statement that the physician performing or inducing the abortion is available for any questions concerning the abortion, together with the telephone number that the physician may be later reached to answer any questions that the woman may have;
- (e) The location of the hospital that offers obstetrical or gynecological care located within thirty miles of the location where the abortion is performed or induced and at which the physician performing or inducing the abortion has clinical privileges and where the woman may receive follow-up care by the physician if complications arise;
- 34 (f) The gestational age of the unborn child at the time the abortion is to 35 be performed or induced; and
- 36 (g) The anatomical and physiological characteristics of the unborn child 37 at the time the abortion is to be performed or induced;
- 38 (2) The physician who is to perform or induce the abortion or a qualified 39 professional has presented the woman, in person, printed materials provided by 40 the department, which describe the probable anatomical and physiological 41 characteristics of the unborn child at two-week gestational increments from

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42 conception to full term, including color photographs or images of the developing unborn child at two-week gestational increments. Such descriptions shall include 43 information about brain and heart functions, the presence of external members 44 and internal organs during the applicable stages of development and information 45 46 on when the unborn child is viable. The printed materials shall prominently display the following statement: "The life of each human being begins at 47 conception. Abortion will terminate the life of a separate, unique, living human 48 49 being.";

- (3) The physician who is to perform or induce the abortion [or], a qualified professional, or the referring physician has presented the woman, in person, printed materials provided by the department, which describe the various surgical and drug-induced methods of abortion relevant to the stage of pregnancy, as well as the immediate and long-term medical risks commonly associated with each abortion method including, but not limited to, infection, hemorrhage, cervical tear or uterine perforation, harm to subsequent pregnancies or the ability to carry a subsequent child to term, and the possible adverse psychological effects associated with an abortion;
- (4) The physician who is to perform or induce the abortion or a qualified professional shall provide the woman with the opportunity to view at least 60 seventy-two hours prior to the abortion an active ultrasound of the unborn child 62 and hear the heartbeat of the unborn child if the heartbeat is audible. The woman shall be provided with a geographically indexed list maintained by the 63 64 department of health care providers, facilities, and clinics that perform ultrasounds, including those that offer ultrasound services free of charge. Such materials shall provide contact information for each provider, facility, or clinic 66 including telephone numbers and, if available, website addresses. Should the woman decide to obtain an ultrasound from a provider, facility, or clinic other 68 than the abortion facility, the woman shall be offered a reasonable time to obtain 69 70 the ultrasound examination before the date and time set for performing or inducing an abortion. The person conducting the ultrasound shall ensure that the active ultrasound image is of a quality consistent with standard medical 7273 practice in the community, contains the dimensions of the unborn child, and accurately portrays the presence of external members and internal organs, if 75present or viewable, of the unborn child. The auscultation of fetal heart tone 76 must also be of a quality consistent with standard medical practice in the community. If the woman chooses to view the ultrasound or hear the heartbeat

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or both at the abortion facility, the viewing or hearing or both shall be provided to her at the abortion facility at least seventy-two hours prior to the abortion being performed or induced;

- (5) Prior to an abortion being performed or induced on an unborn child of twenty-two weeks gestational age or older, the physician who is to perform or induce the abortion or a qualified professional has presented the woman, in person, printed materials provided by the department that offer information on the possibility of the abortion causing pain to the unborn child. This information shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:
 - (a) At least by twenty-two weeks of gestational age, the unborn child possesses all the anatomical structures, including pain receptors, spinal cord, nerve tracts, thalamus, and cortex, that are necessary in order to feel pain;
 - (b) A description of the actual steps in the abortion procedure to be performed or induced, and at which steps the abortion procedure could be painful to the unborn child;
 - (c) There is evidence that by twenty-two weeks of gestational age, unborn children seek to evade certain stimuli in a manner that in an infant or an adult would be interpreted as a response to pain;
 - (d) Anesthesia is given to unborn children who are twenty-two weeks or more gestational age who undergo prenatal surgery;
 - (e) Anesthesia is given to premature children who are twenty-two weeks or more gestational age who undergo surgery;
 - (f) Anesthesia or an analgesic is available in order to minimize or alleviate the pain to the unborn child;
 - (6) The physician who is to perform or induce the abortion or a qualified professional has presented the woman, in person, printed materials provided by the department explaining to the woman alternatives to abortion she may wish to consider. Such materials shall:
- 106 (a) Identify on a geographical basis public and private agencies available 107 to assist a woman in carrying her unborn child to term, and to assist her in caring for her dependent child or placing her child for adoption, including 108 109 agencies commonly known and generally referred to as pregnancy resource 110 centers, crisis pregnancy centers, maternity homes, and adoption agencies. Such 111 materials shall provide a comprehensive list by geographical area of the agencies, 112 a description of the services they offer, and the telephone numbers and addresses 113 of the agencies; provided that such materials shall not include any programs,

services, organizations, or affiliates of organizations that perform or induce, or assist in the performing or inducing of, abortions or that refer for abortions;

- (b) Explain the Missouri alternatives to abortion services program under section 188.325, and any other programs and services available to pregnant women and mothers of newborn children offered by public or private agencies which assist a woman in carrying her unborn child to term and assist her in caring for her dependent child or placing her child for adoption, including but not limited to prenatal care; maternal health care; newborn or infant care; mental health services; professional counseling services; housing programs; utility assistance; transportation services; food, clothing, and supplies related to pregnancy; parenting skills; educational programs; job training and placement services; drug and alcohol testing and treatment; and adoption assistance;
- (c) Identify the state website for the Missouri alternatives to abortion services program under section 188.325, and any toll-free number established by the state operated in conjunction with the program;
- (d) Prominently display the statement: "There are public and private agencies willing and able to help you carry your child to term, and to assist you and your child after your child is born, whether you choose to keep your child or place him or her for adoption. The state of Missouri encourages you to contact those agencies before making a final decision about abortion. State law requires that your physician or a qualified professional give you the opportunity to call agencies like these before you undergo an abortion.";
- (7) The physician who is to perform or induce the abortion or a qualified professional has presented the woman, in person, printed materials provided by the department explaining that the father of the unborn child is liable to assist in the support of the child, even in instances where he has offered to pay for the abortion. Such materials shall include information on the legal duties and support obligations of the father of a child, including, but not limited to, child support payments, and the fact that paternity may be established by the father's name on a birth certificate or statement of paternity, or by court action. Such printed materials shall also state that more information concerning paternity establishment and child support services and enforcement may be obtained by calling the family support division within the Missouri department of social services; and
- 148 (8) The physician who is to perform or induce the abortion or a qualified 149 professional shall inform the woman that she is free to withhold or withdraw her

consent to the abortion at any time without affecting her right to future care or treatment and without the loss of any state or federally funded benefits to which she might otherwise be entitled.

- 2. All information required to be provided to a woman considering abortion by subsection 1 of this section shall be presented to the woman individually, in the physical presence of the woman and in a private room, to protect her privacy, to maintain the confidentiality of her decision, to ensure that the information focuses on her individual circumstances, to ensure she has an adequate opportunity to ask questions, and to ensure that she is not a victim of coerced abortion. Should a woman be unable to read materials provided to her, they shall be read to her. Should a woman need an interpreter to understand the information presented in the written materials, an interpreter shall be provided to her. Should a woman ask questions concerning any of the information or materials, answers shall be provided in a language she can understand.
- 3. No abortion shall be performed or induced unless and until the woman upon whom the abortion is to be performed or induced certifies in writing on a checklist form provided by the department that she has been presented all the information required in subsection 1 of this section, that she has been provided the opportunity to view an active ultrasound image of the unborn child and hear the heartbeat of the unborn child if it is audible, and that she further certifies that she gives her voluntary and informed consent, freely and without coercion, to the abortion procedure.
- 4. No abortion shall be performed or induced on an unborn child of twenty-two weeks gestational age or older unless and until the woman upon whom the abortion is to be performed or induced has been provided the opportunity to choose to have an anesthetic or analgesic administered to eliminate or alleviate pain to the unborn child caused by the particular method of abortion to be performed or induced. The administration of anesthesia or analgesics shall be performed in a manner consistent with standard medical practice in the community.
- 5. No physician shall perform or induce an abortion unless and until the physician has obtained from the woman her voluntary and informed consent given freely and without coercion. If the physician has reason to believe that the woman is being coerced into having an abortion, the physician or qualified professional shall inform the woman that services are available for her and shall provide her with private access to a telephone and information about such

- 186 services, including but not limited to the following:
- 187 (1) Rape crisis centers, as defined in section 455.003;
- (2) Shelters for victims of domestic violence, as defined in section 455.200; 188
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- 190 (3) Orders of protection, pursuant to chapter 455.
- 191 6. The physician who is to perform or induce the abortion shall, 192 at least seventy-two hours prior to such procedure, inform the woman orally and in person of: 193
 - (1) The immediate and long-term medical risks to the woman associated with the proposed abortion method including, but not limited to, infection, hemorrhage, cervical tear or uterine perforation, harm to subsequent pregnancies or the ability to carry a subsequent child to term, and possible adverse psychological effects associated with the abortion; and
- (2) The immediate and long-term medical risks to the woman, in light of the anesthesia and medication that is to be administered, the unborn child's gestational age, and the woman's medical history and 203 medical conditions.
- 204 7. No physician shall perform or induce an abortion unless and until the 205 physician has received and signed a copy of the form prescribed in subsection 3 of this section. The physician shall retain a copy of the form in the patient's 206 207 medical record.
 - 8. In the event of a medical emergency as provided by section 188.039, the physician who performed or induced the abortion shall clearly certify in writing the nature and circumstances of the medical emergency. This certification shall be signed by the physician who performed or induced the abortion, and shall be maintained under section 188.060.
 - 9. No person or entity shall require, obtain, or accept payment for an abortion from or on behalf of a patient until at least seventy-two hours have passed since the time that the information required by subsection 1 of this section has been provided to the patient. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a person or entity from notifying the patient that payment for the abortion will be required after the seventy-two-hour period has expired if she voluntarily chooses to have the abortion.
- 220 10. The term "qualified professional" as used in this section shall refer to 221a physician, physician assistant, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse,

psychologist, licensed professional counselor, or licensed social worker, licensed or registered under chapter 334, 335, or 337, acting under the supervision of the physician performing or inducing the abortion, and acting within the course and scope of his or her authority provided by law. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to in any way expand the authority otherwise provided by law relating to the licensure, registration, or scope of practice of any such qualified professional.

11. By November 30, 2010, the department shall produce the written materials and forms described in this section. Any written materials produced shall be printed in a typeface large enough to be clearly legible. All information shall be presented in an objective, unbiased manner designed to convey only accurate scientific and medical information. The department shall furnish the written materials and forms at no cost and in sufficient quantity to any person who performs or induces abortions, or to any hospital or facility that provides abortions. The department shall make all information required by subsection 1 of this section available to the public through its department website. The department shall maintain a toll-free, twenty-four-hour hotline telephone number where a caller can obtain information on a regional basis concerning the agencies and services described in subsection 1 of this section. No identifying information regarding persons who use the website shall be collected or maintained. The department shall monitor the website on a regular basis to prevent tampering and correct any operational deficiencies.

12. In order to preserve the compelling interest of the state to ensure that the choice to consent to an abortion is voluntary and informed, and given freely and without coercion, the department shall use the procedures for adoption of emergency rules under section 536.025 in order to promulgate all necessary rules, forms, and other necessary material to implement this section by November 30, 2010.

13. If the provisions in subsections 1 and [8] 9 of this section requiring a seventy-two-hour waiting period for an abortion are ever temporarily or permanently restrained or enjoined by judicial order, then the waiting period for an abortion shall be twenty-four hours; provided, however, that if such temporary or permanent restraining order or injunction is stayed or dissolved, or otherwise ceases to have effect, the waiting period for an abortion shall be seventy-two hours.

188.030. 1. Except in the case of a medical emergency, no abortion of a

viable unborn child shall be performed or induced unless the abortion is necessary to preserve the life of the pregnant woman whose life is endangered by a physical disorder, physical illness, or physical injury, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, or when continuation of the pregnancy will create a serious risk of substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function of the pregnant woman. For purposes of this section, "major bodily function" includes, but is not limited to, functions of the immune system, normal cell growth, digestive, bowel, bladder, neurological, brain, respiratory, circulatory, endocrine, and reproductive functions.

- 2. Except in the case of a medical emergency:
- (1) Prior to performing or inducing an abortion upon a woman, the physician shall determine the gestational age of the unborn child in a manner consistent with accepted obstetrical and neonatal practices and standards. In making such determination, the physician shall make such inquiries of the pregnant woman and perform or cause to be performed such medical examinations, imaging studies, and tests as a reasonably prudent physician, knowledgeable about the medical facts and conditions of both the woman and the unborn child involved, would consider necessary to perform and consider in making an accurate diagnosis with respect to gestational age;
- (2) If the physician determines that the gestational age of the unborn child is twenty weeks or more, prior to performing or inducing an abortion upon the woman, the physician shall determine if the unborn child is viable by using and exercising that degree of care, skill, and proficiency commonly exercised by a skillful, careful, and prudent physician. In making this determination of viability, the physician shall perform or cause to be performed such medical examinations and tests as are necessary to make a finding of the gestational age, weight, and lung maturity of the unborn child and shall enter such findings and determination of viability in the medical record of the woman;
- (3) If the physician determines that the gestational age of the unborn child is twenty weeks or more, and further determines that the unborn child is not viable and performs or induces an abortion upon the woman, the physician shall report such findings and determinations and the reasons for such determinations to the health care facility in which the abortion is performed and to the state board of registration for the healing arts, and shall enter such findings and determinations in the medical records of the woman and in the

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individual abortion report submitted to the department under section 188.052;

- (4) (a) If the physician determines that the unborn child is viable, the physician shall not perform or induce an abortion upon the woman unless the abortion is necessary to preserve the life of the pregnant woman or that a continuation of the pregnancy will create a serious risk of substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function of the woman.
- (b) Before a physician may proceed with performing or inducing an 44 abortion upon a woman when it has been determined that the unborn child is 45 viable, the physician shall first certify in writing the medical threat posed to the 46 life of the pregnant woman, or the medical reasons that continuation of the 47 48 pregnancy would cause a serious risk of substantial and irreversible physical 49 impairment of a major bodily function of the pregnant woman. Upon completion 50 of the abortion, the physician shall report the reasons and determinations for the abortion of a viable unborn child to the health care facility in which the abortion 51 52 is performed and to the state board of registration for the healing arts, and shall enter such findings and determinations in the medical record of the woman and 53 54 in the individual abortion report submitted to the department under section 188.052. 55
- (c) Before a physician may proceed with performing or inducing an 56 abortion upon a woman when it has been determined that the unborn child is 58 viable, the physician who is to perform the abortion shall obtain the agreement of a second physician with knowledge of accepted obstetrical and neonatal 59 60 practices and standards who shall concur that the abortion is necessary to preserve the life of the pregnant woman, or that continuation of the pregnancy would cause a serious risk of substantial and irreversible physical impairment of 62 a major bodily function of the pregnant woman. This second physician shall also 63 report such reasons and determinations to the health care facility in which the 64 abortion is to be performed and to the state board of registration for the healing 65 arts, and shall enter such findings and determinations in the medical record of 66 the woman and the individual abortion report submitted to the department under 67 section 188.052. The second physician shall not have any legal or financial 68 69 affiliation or relationship with the physician performing or inducing the abortion, 70 except that such prohibition shall not apply to physicians whose legal or financial 71affiliation or relationship is a result of being employed by or having staff 72 privileges at the same hospital as the term "hospital" is defined in section 197.020. 73

- (d) Any physician who performs or induces an abortion upon a woman when it has been determined that the unborn child is viable shall utilize the available method or technique of abortion most likely to preserve the life or health of the unborn child. In cases where the method or technique of abortion most likely to preserve the life or health of the unborn child would present a greater risk to the life or health of the woman than another legally permitted and available method or technique, the physician may utilize such other method or technique. In all cases where the physician performs an abortion upon a viable unborn child, the physician shall certify in writing the available method or technique considered and the reasons for choosing the method or technique employed.
- (e) No physician shall perform or induce an abortion upon a woman when it has been determined that the unborn child is viable unless there is in attendance a physician other than the physician performing or inducing the abortion who shall take control of and provide immediate medical care for a child born as a result of the abortion. During the performance of the abortion, the physician performing it, and subsequent to the abortion, the physician required to be in attendance, shall take all reasonable steps in keeping with good medical practice, consistent with the procedure used, to preserve the life or health of the viable unborn child; provided that it does not pose an increased risk to the life of the woman or does not pose an increased risk of substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function of the woman.
- 3. Any person who knowingly performs or induces an abortion of an unborn child in violation of the provisions of this section is guilty of a class D felony, and, upon a finding of guilt or plea of guilty, shall be imprisoned for a term of not less than one year, and, notwithstanding the provisions of section 558.002, shall be fined not less than ten thousand nor more than fifty thousand dollars.
- 4. Any physician who pleads guilty to or is found guilty of performing or inducing an abortion of an unborn child in violation of this section shall be subject to suspension or revocation of his or her license to practice medicine in the state of Missouri by the state board of registration for the healing arts under the provisions of sections 334.100 and 334.103.
- 5. Any hospital licensed in the state of Missouri that knowingly allows an abortion of an unborn child to be performed or induced in violation of this section may be subject to suspension or revocation of its license under the provisions of

- 110 section 197.070.
- 6. Any [ambulatory surgical center] abortion facility licensed in the
- 112 state of Missouri that knowingly allows an abortion of an unborn child to be
- 113 performed or induced in violation of this section may be subject to suspension or
- 114 revocation of its license under the provisions of section 197.220.
- 7. A woman upon whom an abortion is performed or induced in violation
- 116 of this section shall not be prosecuted for a conspiracy to violate the provisions
- 117 of this section.
- 8. Nothing in this section shall be construed as creating or recognizing a
- 119 right to abortion, nor is it the intention of this section to make lawful any
- 120 abortion that is currently unlawful.
- 9. It is the intent of the legislature that this section be severable as noted
- 122 in section 1.140. In the event that any section, subsection, subdivision,
- 123 paragraph, sentence, or clause of this section be declared invalid under the
- 124 Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the State of Missouri, it
- 125 is the intent of the legislature that the remaining provisions of this section
- 126 remain in force and effect as far as capable of being carried into execution as
- 127 intended by the legislature.
- 128 10. The general assembly may, by concurrent resolution, appoint one or
- 129 more of its members who sponsored or co-sponsored this act in his or her official
- 130 capacity to intervene as a matter of right in any case in which the
- 131 constitutionality of this law is challenged.
 - 188.039. 1. For purposes of this section, "medical emergency" means a
 - 2 condition which, on the basis of the physician's good faith clinical judgment, so
 - 3 complicates the medical condition of a pregnant woman as to necessitate the
 - 4 immediate abortion of her pregnancy to avert her death or for which a delay will
 - 5 create a serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily
 - 6 function.
 - 7 2. Except in the case of medical emergency, no person shall perform or
 - 8 induce an abortion unless at least seventy-two hours prior thereto the physician
 - who is to perform or induce the abortion [or], a qualified professional, or the
 - 10 **referring physician** has conferred with the patient and discussed with her the
 - 1 indicators and contraindicators, and risk factors including any physical,
 - 12 psychological, or situational factors for the proposed procedure and the use of
 - 13 medications, including but not limited to mifepristone, in light of her medical
 - 14 history and medical condition. For an abortion performed or an abortion induced

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- by a drug or drugs, such conference shall take place at least seventy-two hours 16 prior to the writing or communication of the first prescription for such drug or drugs in connection with inducing an abortion. Only one such conference shall 17 be required for each abortion. 18
 - 3. The patient shall be evaluated by the physician who is to perform or induce the abortion [or], a qualified professional, or the referring physician during the conference for indicators and contraindicators, risk factors including any physical, psychological, or situational factors which would predispose the patient to or increase the risk of experiencing one or more adverse physical, emotional, or other health reactions to the proposed procedure or drug or drugs in either the short or long term as compared with women who do not possess such risk factors.
- 4. At the end of the conference, and if the woman chooses to proceed with 28 the abortion, the physician who is to perform or induce the abortion [or], a 29 qualified professional, or the referring physician shall sign and shall cause the patient to sign a written statement that the woman gave her informed 30 31 consent freely and without coercion after the physician or qualified professional 32 had discussed with her the indicators and contraindicators, and risk factors, 33 including any physical, psychological, or situational factors. All such executed statements shall be maintained as part of the patient's medical file, subject to the confidentiality laws and rules of this state.
 - 5. The director of the department of health and senior services shall disseminate a model form that physicians or qualified professionals may use as the written statement required by this section, but any lack or unavailability of such a model form shall not affect the duties of the physician or qualified professional set forth in subsections 2 to 4 of this section.
 - 6. As used in this section, the term "qualified professional" shall refer to a physician, physician assistant, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, psychologist, licensed professional counselor, or licensed social worker, licensed or registered under chapter 334, 335, or 337, acting under the supervision of the physician performing or inducing the abortion, and acting within the course and scope of his or her authority provided by law. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to in any way expand the authority otherwise provided by law relating to the licensure, registration, or scope of practice of any such qualified professional.
- 50 7. If the provisions in subsection 2 of this section requiring a

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seventy-two-hour waiting period for an abortion are ever temporarily or permanently restrained or enjoined by judicial order, then the waiting period for an abortion shall be twenty-four hours; provided, however, that if such temporary or permanent restraining order or injunction is stayed or dissolved, or otherwise ceases to have effect, the waiting period for an abortion shall be seventy-two hours.

188.047. [A representative sample of] 1. All tissue, except that tissue needed for purposes described in subsection 5 of this section, removed 3 at the time of abortion shall be submitted within five days to a board eligible or certified pathologist[, who] for gross and histopathological **examination.** The pathologist shall file a copy of the tissue report with the state department of health and senior services, and [who] shall provide within seventy-two hours a copy of the report to the abortion facility or hospital in which the abortion was performed or induced [and]. The pathologist's report shall be made a part of the patient's permanent record. If the pathological examination fails to identify evidence of a completed abortion, the 10 11 pathologist shall notify the abortion facility or hospital within twenty-12 four hours.

- 2. The department shall reconcile each notice of abortion with its corresponding tissue report. If the department does not receive the notice of abortion or the tissue report, the department shall make an inquiry of the abortion facility or hospital. After such inquiry, if the hospital or abortion facility has not satisfactorily responded to said inquiry and the department finds that the abortion facility or hospital where the abortion was performed or induced was not in compliance with the provisions of this section, the department shall consider such noncompliance a deficiency requiring an unscheduled inspection of the facility to ensure the deficiency is remedied, subject to the provisions of chapter 197 regarding license suspensions, reviews, and appeals.
- 3. Beginning January 1, 2018, the department shall make an annual report to the general assembly. The report shall include the number of any deficiencies and inquiries by the department of each abortion facility in the calendar year and whether any deficiencies were remedied and, for each abortion facility, aggregated de-identified data about the total number of abortions performed at the facility, the termination procedures used, the number and type of complications

- 31 reported for each type of termination procedure, whether the
- 32 department received the tissue report for each abortion, and the
- 33 existence and nature, if any, of any inconsistencies or concerns
- 34 between the abortion reports submitted under section 188.052 and the
- 35 tissue report submitted under this section.
- 36 The report shall not contain any personal patient information the
- 37 disclosure of which is prohibited by state or federal law.
- 38 4. All reports provided by the department to the general
- 39 assembly under this section shall maintain confidentiality of all
- 40 personal information of patients, facility personnel, and facility
- 41 physicians.
- 5. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the utilization of fetal
- 43 organs or tissue resulting from an abortion for medical or scientific
- 44 purposes to determine the cause or causes of any anomaly, illness,
- 45 death, or genetic condition of the fetus, the paternity of the fetus, or for
- 46 law enforcement purposes.
- 6. The department may adopt rules, regulations, and standards
- 48 governing the reports required under this section. In doing so, the
- 49 department shall ensure that these reports contain all information
- 50 necessary to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and
- 51 regulations. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in
- 52 section 536.010 that is created under the authority delegated in this
- 53 section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to
- 54 all of the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable, section
- 55 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of
- 56 the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536,
- 57 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule
- 58 are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
- 59 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after the effective date of
- 60 this act, shall be invalid and void.
 - 188.075. 1. Any person who contrary to the provisions of sections 188.010
 - 2 to 188.085 knowingly performs, induces, or aids in the performance or inducing
 - 3 of any abortion or knowingly fails to perform any action required by sections
 - 4 188.010 to 188.085 shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor, unless a different
 - 5 penalty is provided for in state law, and, upon conviction, shall be punished as
- 6 provided by law.
- 7 2. It shall be an affirmative defense for any person alleged to have

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8 violated any provision of this chapter that the person performed an action or did 9 not perform an action because of a medical emergency. This affirmative defense 10 shall be available in criminal, civil, and administrative actions or 11 proceedings. The defendant shall have the burden of persuasion that the defense 12 is more probably true than not.

13 3. The attorney general shall have concurrent original jurisdiction throughout the state, along with each prosecuting attorney 14 and circuit attorney within their respective jurisdictions, to commence 15 actions for a violation of any provision of this chapter, for a violation 16 of any state law on the use of public funds for an abortion, or for a 17 18 violation of any state law which regulates an abortion facility or a person who performs or induces an abortion. The attorney general, or 19 prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney within their respective 20jurisdictions, may seek injunctive or other relief against any person 2122who, or entity which, is in violation of any provision of this chapter, misuses public funds for an abortion, or violates any state law which 23 24 regulates an abortion facility or a person who performs or induces an 25 abortion.

188.125. 1. It is the intent of the general assembly to acknowledge the right of an alternatives to abortion agency to operate freely and engage in speech without governmental interference as protected by the constitution of the United States and the constitution and laws of Missouri, the right of a person not to be compelled by the government to participate in abortion contrary to his, her, or its religious beliefs or moral convictions, and that the constitution of the United States and the constitution and laws of Missouri shall be interpreted, construed, applied, and enforced to fully protect such rights.

2. A political subdivision of this state is preempted from enacting, adopting, maintaining, or enforcing any order, ordinance, rule, regulation, policy, or other similar measure that prohibits, restricts, limits, controls, directs, interferes with, or otherwise adversely affects an alternatives to abortion agency or its officers', agents', employees', or volunteers' operations or speech including, but not limited to, counseling, referrals, or education of, advertising or information to, or other communications with, clients, patients, other persons, or the public.

- 3. Nothing in subsection 2 of this section shall preclude or preempt a political subdivision of this state from exercising its lawful authority to regulate zoning or land use or to enforce a building or fire code regulation; provided that, such political subdivision treats an alternatives to abortion agency in the same manner as a similarly situated agency and that such authority is not used to circumvent the intent of subsection 2 of this section.
- 4. A political subdivision of this state is preempted from enacting, adopting, maintaining, or enforcing any order, ordinance, rule, regulation, policy, or other similar measure that has the purpose or effect of requiring a person to directly or indirectly participate in abortion if such participation is contrary to the religious beliefs or moral convictions of such person.
 - 5. A political subdivision of this state is preempted from enacting, adopting, maintaining, or enforcing any order, ordinance, rule, regulation, policy, or other similar measure requiring a real estate broker, real estate salesperson, real estate broker-salesperson, appraisal firm, appraiser, as such terms are defined in chapter 339, a property owner, or any other person to buy, sell, exchange, purchase, rent, lease, advertise for, or otherwise conduct real estate transactions for, to, or with an abortion facility or for, to, or with a person for the purpose of performing or inducing an abortion not necessary to save the life of the mother, if such requirement is contrary to the religious beliefs or moral convictions of such real estate broker, real estate salesperson, real estate broker-salesperson, appraisal firm, appraiser, property owner, or other person.
 - 6. A political subdivision of this state is preempted from enacting, adopting, maintaining, or enforcing any order, ordinance, rule, regulation, policy, or other similar measure requiring an employer, employee, health plan provider, health plan sponsor, health care provider, or any other person to provide coverage for or to participate in a health plan that includes benefits that are not otherwise required by state law.
 - 7. In any action to enforce the provisions of this section, a court of competent jurisdiction may order injunctive or other equitable relief, recovery of damages or other legal remedies, or both, as well as payment of reasonable attorney's fees, costs, and expenses. The relief

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and remedies set forth shall not be deemed exclusive and shall be in addition to any other relief or remedies permitted by law.

- 8. In addition to a private cause of action by a person whose rights are violated contrary to the provisions of this section, the attorney general is also authorized to bring a cause of action to defend the rights guaranteed under this section.
- 9. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a political subdivision from enacting, adopting, maintaining, or enforcing any order, ordinance, rule, regulation, policy, or other similar measure to assist pregnant women to carry their unborn children to term or to assist women in caring for their dependent children or placing their children for adoption including, but not limited to, by funding or otherwise assisting an alternatives to abortion agency to provide services to such women and children.
- 71 10. As used in this section, the following terms mean:
 - (1) "Alternatives to abortion agency":
 - (a) A maternity home as defined in section 135.600;
 - (b) A pregnancy resource center as defined in section 135.630; or
- (c) An agency or entity that has the primary purpose of providing services or counseling to pregnant women to assist such women in carrying their unborn children to term instead of having abortions and to assist such women in caring for their dependent children or placing their children for adoption, as described in section 188.325, regardless of whether such agency or entity is receiving funding or reimbursement from the state for such purposes;
 - (2) "Participate in abortion":
 - (a) To undergo an abortion; or
- (b) To perform or induce, assist in, refer or counsel for, advocate for, promote, procure, reimburse for, or provide health plan coverage for an abortion not necessary to save the life of the mother.
- 188.160. 1. Every hospital, abortion facility, pathology lab,
 2 medical research entity, and any other facility involved in abortion
 3 shall establish and implement a written policy relating to the
 4 protections for employees who disclose information concerning actual,
 5 potential, or alleged violations of applicable federal or state laws or
 6 administrative rules, regulations, or standards.
 - 2. The department of health and senior services is authorized to

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adopt rules, regulations, and standards regarding the establishment 9 and implementation of policies created under this section. Any rule or 10 portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010 that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become 12effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the 14 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to delay the 15 16 effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule 17 proposed or adopted after the effective date of this act, shall be invalid 18 and void. 19

192.665. As used in this section, section 192.667, and sections 197.150 to 2 197.165, the following terms mean:

- 3 (1) "Charge data", information submitted by health care providers on 4 current charges for leading procedures and diagnoses;
- 5 (2) "Charges by payer", information submitted by hospitals on amount 6 billed to Medicare, Medicaid, other government sources and all nongovernment 7 sources combined as one data element;
 - (3) "Department", the department of health and senior services;
- 9 (4) "Financial data", information submitted by hospitals drawn from 10 financial statements which includes the balance sheet, income statement, charity 11 care and bad debt and charges by payer, prepared in accordance with generally 12 accepted accounting principles;
- 13 (5) "Health care provider", hospitals as defined in section 197.020 and 14 ambulatory surgical centers **and abortion facilities** as defined in section 15 197.200;
 - (6) "Nosocomial infection", as defined by the [national] **federal** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and applied to infections within hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, **abortion facilities**, and other facilities;
- 19 (7) "Nosocomial infection incidence rate", a risk-adjusted measurement of 20 new cases of nosocomial infections by procedure or device within a population 21 over a given period of time, with such measurements defined by rule of the 22 department pursuant to subsection 3 of section 192.667 for use by all hospitals, 23 ambulatory surgical centers, **abortion facilities**, and other facilities in 24 complying with the requirements of the Missouri nosocomial infection control act

- 25 of 2004;
- 26 (8) "Other facility", a type of facility determined to be a source of infections and designated by rule of the department pursuant to subsection 11 of section 192.667;
- 29 (9) "Patient abstract data", data submitted by hospitals which includes but is not limited to date of birth, sex, race, zip code, county of residence, 30 admission date, discharge date, principal and other diagnoses, including external 31 32 causes, principal and other procedures, procedure dates, total billed charges, 33 disposition of the patient and expected source of payment with sources 34 categorized according to Medicare, Medicaid, other government, workers' 35 compensation, all commercial payors coded with a common code, self-pay, no 36 charge and other.
- 192.667. 1. All health care providers shall at least annually provide to the department charge data as required by the department. All hospitals shall at least annually provide patient abstract data and financial data as required by the department. Hospitals as defined in section 197.020 shall report patient abstract data for outpatients and inpatients. Ambulatory surgical centers and abortion facilities as defined in section 197.200 shall provide patient abstract data to the department. The department shall specify by rule the types of information which shall be submitted and the method of submission.
- 2. The department shall collect data on the incidence of health care-associated infections from hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, **abortion** facilities, and other facilities as necessary to generate the reports required by this section. Hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, **abortion facilities**, and other facilities shall provide such data in compliance with this section.
- 3. The department shall promulgate rules specifying the standards and procedures for the collection, analysis, risk adjustment, and reporting of the incidence of health care-associated infections and the types of infections and procedures to be monitored pursuant to subsection 13 of this section. In promulgating such rules, the department shall:
- 19 (1) Use methodologies and systems for data collection established by the 20 federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Healthcare Safety 21 Network, or its successor; and
- 22 (2) Consider the findings and recommendations of the infection control 23 advisory panel established pursuant to section 197.165.
- 4. By January 1, 2017, the infection control advisory panel created by

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25 section 197.165 shall make recommendations to the department regarding the 26 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' health care-associated infection data 27 collection, analysis, and public reporting requirements for hospitals, ambulatory 28 surgical centers, and other facilities in the federal Centers for Disease Control 29 and Prevention's National Healthcare Safety Network, or its successor, in lieu of all or part of the data collection, analysis, and public reporting requirements of 30 this section. The advisory panel recommendations shall address which hospitals 31 32 shall be required as a condition of licensure to use the National Healthcare Safety 33 Network for data collection; the use of the National Healthcare Safety Network for risk adjustment and analysis of hospital submitted data; and the use of the 34 35 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Hospital Compare website, or its successor, for public reporting of the incidence of health care-associated infection 36 37 metrics. The advisory panel shall consider the following factors in developing its 38 recommendation:

- 39 (1) Whether the public is afforded the same or greater access to 40 facility-specific infection control indicators and metrics;
- 41 (2) Whether the data provided to the public is subject to the same or 42 greater accuracy of risk adjustment;
- 43 (3) Whether the public is provided with the same or greater specificity of 44 reporting of infections by type of facility infections and procedures;
- 45 (4) Whether the data is subject to the same or greater level of 46 confidentiality of the identity of an individual patient;
 - (5) Whether the National Healthcare Safety Network, or its successor, has the capacity to receive, analyze, and report the required data for all facilities;
 - (6) Whether the cost to implement the National Healthcare Safety Network infection data collection and reporting system is the same or less.
- 5. After considering the recommendations of the infection control advisory 51 panel, and provided that the requirements of subsection 13 of this section can be 52met, the department shall implement guidelines from the federal Centers for 53 Disease Control and Prevention's National Healthcare Safety Network, or its 54 successor. It shall be a condition of licensure for hospitals that meet the 55 minimum public reporting requirements of the National Healthcare Safety 56 Network and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to participate in the National Healthcare Safety Network, or its successor. Such hospitals shall 58 59 permit the National Healthcare Safety Network, or its successor, to disclose facility-specific infection data to the department as required under this section,

- and as necessary to provide the public reports required by the department. It shall be a condition of licensure for any ambulatory surgical center **or abortion**facility which does not voluntarily participate in the National Healthcare Safety
 Network, or its successor, to submit facility-specific data to the department as required under this section, and as necessary to provide the public reports required by the department.
- 6. The department shall not require the resubmission of data which has been submitted to the department of health and senior services or the department of social services under any other provision of law. The department of health and senior services shall accept data submitted by associations or related organizations on behalf of health care providers by entering into binding agreements negotiated with such associations or related organizations to obtain data required pursuant to section 192.665 and this section. A health care provider shall submit the required information to the department of health and senior services:
- 76 (1) If the provider does not submit the required data through such 77 associations or related organizations;
 - (2) If no binding agreement has been reached within ninety days of August 28, 1992, between the department of health and senior services and such associations or related organizations; or
 - (3) If a binding agreement has expired for more than ninety days.
 - 7. Information obtained by the department under the provisions of section 192.665 and this section shall not be public information. Reports and studies prepared by the department based upon such information shall be public information and may identify individual health care providers. The department of health and senior services may authorize the use of the data by other research organizations pursuant to the provisions of section 192.067. The department shall not use or release any information provided under section 192.665 and this section which would enable any person to determine any health care provider's negotiated discounts with specific preferred provider organizations or other managed care organizations. The department shall not release data in a form which could be used to identify a patient. Any violation of this subsection is a class A misdemeanor.
 - 8. The department shall undertake a reasonable number of studies and publish information, including at least an annual consumer guide, in collaboration with health care providers, business coalitions and consumers based

- 97 upon the information obtained pursuant to the provisions of section 192.665 and 98 this section. The department shall allow all health care providers and 99 associations and related organizations who have submitted data which will be 100 used in any publication to review and comment on the publication prior to its 101 publication or release for general use. The publication shall be made available 102 to the public for a reasonable charge.
- 9. Any health care provider which continually and substantially, as these terms are defined by rule, fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall not be allowed to participate in any program administered by the state or to receive any moneys from the state.
- 10. A hospital, as defined in section 197.020, aggrieved by the department's determination of ineligibility for state moneys pursuant to subsection 9 of this section may appeal as provided in section 197.071. An ambulatory surgical center **or abortion facility** as defined in section 197.200 aggrieved by the department's determination of ineligibility for state moneys pursuant to subsection 9 of this section may appeal as provided in section 197.221.
- 11. The department of health may promulgate rules providing for 115 collection of data and publication of the incidence of health care-associated 116 infections for other types of health facilities determined to be sources of 117 infections; except that, physicians' offices shall be exempt from reporting and 118 disclosure of such infections.
- 12. By January 1, 2017, the advisory panel shall recommend and the department shall adopt in regulation with an effective date of no later than January 1, 2018, the requirements for the reporting of the following types of infections as specified in this subsection:
- 123 (1) Infections associated with a minimum of four surgical procedures for 124 hospitals and a minimum of two surgical procedures for ambulatory surgical 125 centers that meet the following criteria:
- 126 (a) Are usually associated with an elective surgical procedure. An 127 "elective surgical procedure" is a planned, nonemergency surgical procedure that 128 may be either medically required such as a hip replacement or optional such as 129 breast augmentation;
- 130 (b) Demonstrate a high priority aspect such as affecting a large number 131 of patients, having a substantial impact for a smaller population, or being 132 associated with substantial cost, morbidity, or mortality; or

- 133 (c) Are infections for which reports are collected by the National 134 Healthcare Safety Network or its successor;
 - (2) Central line-related bloodstream infections;
- 136 (3) Health care-associated infections specified for reporting by hospitals,
- 137 ambulatory surgical centers, and other health care facilities by the rules of the
- 138 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to the federal Centers for Disease
- 139 Control and Prevention's National Healthcare Safety Network, or its successor;
- 140 and

- 141 (4) Other categories of infections that may be established by rule by the
- 142 department.
- 143 The department, in consultation with the advisory panel, shall be authorized to
- 144 collect and report data on subsets of each type of infection described in this
- 145 subsection.
- 13. In consultation with the infection control advisory panel established
- 147 pursuant to section 197.165, the department shall develop and disseminate to the
- 148 public reports based on data compiled for a period of twelve months. Such
- 149 reports shall be updated quarterly and shall show for each hospital, ambulatory
- 150 surgical center, abortion facility, and other facility metrics on risk adjusted
- 151 health care-associated infections under this section.
- 152 14. The types of infections under subsection 12 of this section to be
- 153 publicly reported shall be determined by the department by rule and shall be
- 154 consistent with the infections tracked by the National Healthcare Safety Network,
- 155 or its successor.
- 15. Reports published pursuant to subsection 13 of this section shall be
- 157 published and readily accessible on the department's internet website. The
- 158 reports shall be distributed at least annually to the governor and members of the
- 159 general assembly. The department shall make such reports available to the
- 160 public for a period of at least two years.
- 16. The Hospital Industry Data Institute shall publish a report of
- 162 Missouri hospitals' [and], ambulatory surgical centers', and abortion facilities'
- 163 compliance with standardized quality of care measures established by the federal
- 164 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for prevention of infections related
- 165 to surgical procedures. If the Hospital Industry Data Institute fails to do so by
- 166 July 31, 2008, and annually thereafter, the department shall be authorized to
- 167 collect information from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or from
- 168 hospitals [and], ambulatory surgical centers, and abortion facilities and

169 publish such information in accordance with this section.

17. The data collected or published pursuant to this section shall be available to the department for purposes of licensing hospitals [and], ambulatory surgical centers, and abortion facilities pursuant to chapter 197.

18. The department shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of section 192.131 and sections 197.150 to 197.160. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2004, shall be invalid and void.

19. No later than August 28, 2017, each hospital, excluding mental health facilities as defined in section 632.005, and each ambulatory surgical center and abortion facility as defined in section 197.200, shall in consultation with its medical staff establish an antimicrobial stewardship program for evaluating the judicious use of antimicrobials, especially antibiotics that are the last line of defense against resistant infections. The hospital's stewardship program and the results of the program shall be monitored and evaluated by hospital quality improvement departments and shall be available upon inspection to the department. At a minimum, the antimicrobial stewardship program shall be designed to evaluate that hospitalized patients receive, in accordance with accepted medical standards of practice, the appropriate antimicrobial, at the appropriate dose, at the appropriate time, and for the appropriate duration.

20. Hospitals described in subsection 19 of this section shall meet the National Healthcare Safety Network requirements for reporting antimicrobial usage or resistance by using the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Antimicrobial Use and Resistance (AUR) Module when regulations concerning Stage 3 of the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Records Incentive Programs promulgated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that enable the electronic interface for such reporting are effective. When such antimicrobial usage or resistance reporting takes effect, hospitals shall authorize the National Healthcare Safety Network, or its successor, to disclose to the department facility-specific information reported to the AUR

Module. Facility-specific data on antibiotic usage and resistance collected under this subsection shall not be disclosed to the public, but the department may release case-specific information to other facilities, physicians, and the public if the department determines on a case-by-case basis that the release of such information is necessary to protect persons in a public health emergency.

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21. The department shall make a report to the general assembly beginning January 1, 2018, and on every January first thereafter on the incidence, type, and distribution of antimicrobial-resistant infections identified in the state and within regions of the state.

197.150. The department shall require that each hospital, ambulatory surgical center, abortion facility, and other facility have in place procedures for monitoring and enforcing compliance with infection control regulations and standards. Such procedures shall be coordinated with administrative staff, personnel staff, and the quality improvement program. Such procedures shall include, at a minimum, requirements for the facility's infection control program to conduct surveillance of personnel with a portion of the surveillance to be done in such manner that employees and medical staff are observed without their knowledge of such observation, provided that this unobserved surveillance 10 requirement shall not be considered to be grounds for licensure enforcement action by the department until the department establishes clear and verifiable 11 12criteria for determining compliance. Such surveillance also may include monitoring of the rate of use of hand hygiene products. 13

197.152. 1. Infection control officers as defined in federal regulation and other hospital [and], ambulatory surgical center, and abortion facility employees shall be protected against retaliation by the hospital [or], ambulatory surgical center, or abortion facility for reporting infection control concerns pursuant to section 197.285 and shall be entitled to the full benefits of that section. Such infection control officers shall report any interference in the performance of their duties by their supervisors to the hospital [or], ambulatory surgical center, or abortion facility compliance officer established by and empowered to act pursuant to section 197.285.

2. Infection control officers as defined in federal regulation shall also have the authority to order the cessation of a practice that falls outside accepted practices as defined by appropriate state and federal regulatory agencies, accreditation organizations, or the standards adopted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the Association of Professionals in Infection Control

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15 and Epidemiology. The hospital [or], ambulatory surgical center, or abortion 16 facility may require that such a cessation order of an infection control officer be endorsed by the hospital [or], ambulatory surgical center, or abortion facility 17 chief executive officer or his or her designee before taking effect. The hospital 18 19 [or], ambulatory surgical center, or abortion facility infection control 20 committee shall convene as soon as possible to review such cessation order and 21 may overrule or sustain the directive of the infection control officer. The 22 department shall promulgate rules governing documentation of such events.

3. Members of the medical staff who report in good faith infection control concerns to the hospital [or], ambulatory surgical center, or abortion facility administration or medical staff leadership shall not be subject to retaliation or discrimination for doing so. Nothing in this section shall prevent or shield medical staff members from being subject to professional review actions for substandard care or breach of standards established in hospital policy, rules, or medical staff bylaws.

197.158. Every hospital [and], ambulatory surgery center, and abortion
2 facility shall, beginning June 1, 2006, provide each patient an opportunity to
3 submit to the hospital [or], ambulatory surgical center, or abortion facility
4 administration complaints, comments, and suggestions related to the care they
5 received or their personal observations related to the quality of care
6 provided. The department shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

197.160. The department of health and senior services shall have access
to all data and information held by hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers,
abortion facilities, and other facilities related to their infection control
practices, rates, or treatments of infections. Failure to provide such access shall
be grounds for full or partial licensure suspension or revocation pursuant to
section 197.293, sections 197.010 to 197.100, or sections 197.200 to 197.240. If
the department determines that the hospital, ambulatory surgical center,
abortion facility, or other facility is willfully impeding access to such
information, the department shall be authorized to direct all state agencies to
suspend all or a portion of state payments to such [hospital] entity until such
time as the desired information is obtained by the department.

197.162. The department shall in its licensure of hospitals [and], ambulatory surgical centers, and abortion facilities give special attention to infection control practices and shall direct hospitals [and], ambulatory surgical centers, and abortion facilities to set quantifiable measures of performance for

- 5 reducing the incidence of nosocomial infections in Missouri. The department
- 6 shall prepare an annual report on infection control standards and compliance,
- 7 which shall be shared with the governor and the general assembly.
 - 197.165. 1. The department shall appoint an "Infection Control Advisory
- 2 Panel" for the purposes of implementing sections 192.131 and 192.667.
- 3 2. Members of the infection control advisory panel shall include:
- 4 (1) Two public members;
- 5 (2) Three board-certified or board-eligible physicians licensed pursuant
- 6 to chapter 334 who are affiliated with a Missouri hospital or medical school,
- 7 active members of the Society for Health Care Epidemiology of America, and have
- 8 demonstrated interest and expertise in health facility infection control;
- 9 (3) One physician licensed pursuant to chapter 334 who is active in the
- 10 practice of medicine in Missouri and who holds medical staff privileges at a
- 11 Missouri hospital;
- 12 (4) Four infection control practitioners certified by the certification board
- 13 of infection control and epidemiology, at least two of whom shall be practicing in
- 14 a rural hospital or setting and at least two of whom shall be registered
- 15 professional nurses licensed under chapter 335;
- 16 (5) A medical statistician with an advanced degree in such specialty;
- 17 (6) A clinical microbiologist with an advanced degree in such specialty;
- 18 (7) Three employees of the department, representing the functions of
- 19 hospital [and], ambulatory surgical center, and abortion facility licensure,
- 20 epidemiology and health data analysis, who shall serve as ex officio nonvoting
- 21 members of the panel.
- 3. Reasonable expenses of the panel shall be paid from private donations
- 23 made specifically for that purpose to the "Infection Control Advisory Panel Fund",
- 24 which is hereby created in the state treasury. If such donations are not received
- 25 from private sources, then the provisions of this act shall be implemented without
- 26 the advisory panel.
 - 197.200. As used in sections 197.200 to 197.240, unless the context clearly
- 2 indicates otherwise, the following terms mean:
- 3 (1) "Abortion facility", as such term is defined in section 188.015;
- 4 (2) "Ambulatory surgical center", any public or private establishment
- 5 operated primarily for the purpose of performing surgical procedures or primarily
- 6 for the purpose of performing childbirths, [or any establishment operated for the
- 7 purpose of performing or inducing any second or third-trimester abortions or five

- 8 or more first-trimester abortions per month, and which does not provide services
- 9 or other accommodations for patients to stay more than twenty-three hours within
- 10 the establishment, provided, however, that nothing in this definition shall be
- 11 construed to include the offices of dentists currently licensed pursuant to chapter
- 12 332;
- 13 [(2)] (3) "Dentist", any person currently licensed to practice dentistry 14 pursuant to chapter 332;
- 15 [(3)] (4) "Department", the department of health and senior services;
- 16 [(4)] (5) "Governmental unit", any city, county or other political
- 17 subdivision of this state, or any department, division, board or other agency of
- 18 any political subdivision of this state;
- 19 [(5)] (6) "Person", any individual, firm, partnership, corporation,
- 20 company, or association and the legal successors thereof;
- [(6)] (7) "Physician", any person currently licensed to practice medicine
- 22 pursuant to chapter 334;
- [(7)] (8) "Podiatrist", any person currently licensed to practice podiatry
- 24 pursuant to chapter 330.
 - 197.205. 1. No person or governmental unit acting severally or jointly
 - 2 with any other person or governmental unit shall establish, conduct or maintain
- 3 an ambulatory surgical center or abortion facility in this state without a
- 4 license under sections 197.200 to 197.240 issued by the department of health and
- 5 senior services.
- 6 2. Nothing in sections 197.200 to 197.240 shall be construed to impair or
 - abridge the authority of a governmental unit to license ambulatory surgical
- 8 centers or abortion facilities, provided that any ordinance of a governmental
- 9 unit shall require compliance with all rules, regulations, and standards adopted
- 10 by the department to implement the provisions of sections 197.200 to 197.240.
 - 197.215. 1. Upon receipt of an application for a license, the department
 - 2 of health and senior services shall issue a license if the applicant and ambulatory
- 3 surgical center facilities or abortion facilities meet the requirements
- 4 established under sections 197.200 to 197.240, and have provided affirmative
- 5 evidence that:
- 6 (1) Each member of the surgical staff is a physician, dentist or podiatrist
- 7 currently licensed to practice in Missouri, and each person authorized to
- 8 perform or induce abortions is a physician currently licensed to
- 9 practice in Missouri;

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- 10 (2) Surgical procedures in ambulatory surgical centers shall be 11 performed only by physicians, dentists or podiatrists, who at the time are 12 privileged to perform surgical procedures in at least one licensed hospital in the 13 community in which the ambulatory surgical center is located, thus providing assurance to the public that patients treated in the center shall receive continuity 14 of care should the services of a hospital be required; alternatively, applicant shall 15 submit a copy of a current working agreement with at least one licensed hospital 16 in the community in which the ambulatory surgical center is located, 17 guaranteeing the transfer and admittance of patients for emergency treatment 18 19 whenever necessary;
 - (3) Continuous physician services or registered professional nursing services are provided whenever a patient is in the facility;
 - (4) Adequate medical records for each patient are to be maintained.
 - 2. Upon receipt of an application for a license, or the renewal thereof, the department shall issue or renew the license if the applicant and program meet the requirements established under sections 197.200 to 197.240. Each license shall be issued only for the persons and premises named in the application. A license, unless sooner suspended or revoked, shall be issued for a period of one year.
 - 3. Each license shall be issued only for the premises and persons or governmental units named in the application, and shall not be transferable or assignable except with the written consent of the department. Licenses shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the licensed premises.
 - 4. If, during the period in which an ambulatory surgical center license or an abortion facility license is in effect, the license holder or operator legally transfers operational responsibilities by any process to another person as defined in section 197.200, an application shall be made for the issuance of a new license to become effective on the transfer date.
- 197.220. The department of health and senior services may deny, suspend 2 or revoke a license in any case in which the department finds that there has been 3 a substantial failure to comply with the requirements of sections 197.200 to 197.240, or in any case in which the director of the department makes a finding 5 that:
- 6 (1) The applicant, or if the applicant is a firm, partnership or association, 7 any of its members, or if a corporation, any of its officers or directors, or the 8 person designated to manage or supervise the facility, has been finally

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- 9 adjudicated and found guilty, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, in a 10 criminal prosecution under the laws of any state or of the United States, for any 11 offense reasonably related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of an 12 ambulatory surgical center **or of an abortion facility**, or for any offense an 13 essential element of which is fraud, dishonesty, or an act of violence, or for any 14 offense involving moral turpitude, whether or not sentence is imposed;
- 15 (2) The licensure status or record of the applicant, or if the applicant is 16 a firm, partnership or association, of any of its members, or if a corporation, of 17 any of its officers or directors, or of the person designated to manage or supervise 18 the facility, from any other state, federal district or land, territory or 19 commonwealth of the United States, or of any foreign country where the applicant 20 has done business in a similar capacity indicates that granting a license to the 21 applicant would be detrimental to the interests of the public.
- 197.225. 1. The department of health and senior services may adopt such reasonable rules, regulations, and standards for the types of services provided as are necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 197.200 to 197.240, and to assure quality patient care and patient safety, which shall include, but not be limited to:
- 6 (1) Construction of the facility including, but not limited to, plumbing, 7 heating, lighting, and ventilation which should insure the health, safety, comfort, 8 and privacy of patients and protection from fire hazard;
- 9 (2) Number, qualifications, and organization of all personnel, having 10 responsibility for any part of the care provided to the patients;
 - (3) Equipment essential to the health, welfare, and safety of the patients;
- 12 (4) Facilities, programs, and services to be provided in connection with the 13 care of patients in ambulatory surgical centers; and
- 14 (5) Procedures for peer review and for receiving and investigating 15 complaints regarding any ambulatory surgical center or any physician, dentist, 16 podiatrist, nurse, assistant, manager, supervisor, or employee practicing or 17 working in any such facility.
 - 2. The department of health and senior services may adopt separate rules, regulations, or standards to apply to ambulatory surgical centers and to apply to abortion facilities.
- 3. Abortion facilities shall be required to maintain a written protocol for managing medical emergencies and the transfer of patients requiring further emergency care to a hospital within a reasonable

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24 distance from the abortion facility.

197.230. 1. The department of health and senior services shall make, or cause to be made, such inspections and investigations as it deems necessary. The department may delegate its powers and duties to investigate and inspect ambulatory surgical centers or abortion facilities to an official of a political subdivision having a population of at least four hundred fifty thousand if such political subdivision is deemed qualified by the department to inspect and investigate ambulatory surgical centers. The official so designated shall submit a written report of his or her findings to the department and the department may accept the recommendations of such official if it determines that the facility inspected meets minimum standards established pursuant to sections 197.200 to 197.240.

- 2. In the case of any abortion facility, the department shall make or cause to be made an unannounced on-site inspection and investigation at least annually. Such on-site inspection and investigation shall include, but not be limited to, the following areas:
- (1) Compliance with all statutory and regulatory requirements for an abortion facility, including requirements that the facility maintain adequate staffing and equipment to respond to medical emergencies;
 - (2) Compliance with the provisions of chapter 188; and
 - (3) Compliance with the requirement in section 197.215 that continuous physician services or registered professional nursing services be provided whenever a patient is in the facility.
- 3. Inspection, investigation, and quality assurance reports shall be made available to the public. Any portion of a report may be redacted when made publicly available if such portion would disclose information that is not subject to disclosure under the law.
- 197.235. 1. Any person operating, conducting, managing, or establishing 2 an ambulatory surgical center **or abortion facility** without a license required 3 by sections 197.200 to 197.240 is guilty of a class A misdemeanor and, upon 4 conviction, shall be subject to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars. Each day of continuing violation shall constitute a separate offense.
- 6 2. The attorney general shall represent the department of health and 7 senior services and shall institute an action in the name of the state for 8 injunctive or other relief against any person or governmental unit to restrain or

9 prevent the establishment, conduct, management, or operation of an ambulatory 10 surgical center **or abortion facility** without a license issued pursuant to the 11 provisions of sections 197.200 to 197.240.

12 3. Any person operating, conducting, managing, or establishing an 13 ambulatory surgical center or abortion facility who, in the course of advertising, promoting, or otherwise publicizing the activities, business, location, 14 or any other matter concerning the operations of said ambulatory surgical center 16 or abortion facility, uses or employs in any manner the words "State, Missouri, State of Missouri, Department of Health and Senior Services, the initials 'Mo.'," 17 or any emblem of the state of Missouri or the department of health and senior 18 services, for the purpose of conveying or in any manner reasonably calculated to 20 convey the false impression that the state of Missouri or any department, agency, 21bureau, or instrumentality thereof is involved in the business of said ambulatory 22 surgical center or abortion facility, or took part in said advertisement, 23promotion, publicity, or other statement, shall be subject to a fine of one hundred 24 dollars per day for each day during the period beginning with the day said 25 advertisement, promotion, publication, or statement first appears and ending on 26 the day on which it is withdrawn.

197.240. After September 28, 1975, no individual or group health insurance policy of insurance providing coverage on an expense incurred basis, nor individual or group service or indemnity type contract issued by a nonprofit corporation, nor any self-insured group health benefit plan or trust, of any kind or description, shall be issued or payment accepted therefor in renewal or 5 continuation thereof unless coverage for any service performed in an ambulatory surgical center or abortion facility is provided for therein if such service would have been covered under the terms of the policy or contract as an eligible inpatient service, except as provided in section 376.805. Nothing in this section shall apply to a group contract, plan or trust which provides health care and 10 surgical care directly to its members and their dependents. Nothing in this 11 12 section shall be construed to mandate coverage under an individual or group health insurance policy of insurance providing coverage on an expense incurred 13 basis, or an individual or group service or indemnity type contract issued by a 14 15 nonprofit corporation, or any self-insured group health benefit plan or trust, of 16 any kind or description, to provide health insurance for services which are usually performed in a physician's office.

197.285. 1. Hospitals [and], ambulatory surgical centers, and abortion

- 2 facilities shall establish and implement a written policy adopted by each
- 3 hospital [and], ambulatory surgical center, and abortion facility relating to the
- 4 protections for employees who disclose information pursuant to subsection 2 of
- 5 this section. This policy shall include a time frame for completion of
- 6 investigations related to complaints, not to exceed thirty days, and a method for
- 7 notifying the complainant of the disposition of the investigation. This policy shall
- 8 be submitted to the department of health and senior services to verify
- 9 implementation. At a minimum, such policy shall include the following
- 10 provisions:
- 11 (1) No supervisor or individual with authority to hire or fire in a hospital
- 12 [or], ambulatory surgical center, or abortion facility shall prohibit employees
- 13 from disclosing information pursuant to subsection 2 of this section;
- 14 (2) No supervisor or individual with authority to hire or fire in a hospital
- 15 [or], ambulatory surgical center, or abortion facility shall use or threaten to
- 16 use his or her supervisory authority to knowingly discriminate against, dismiss,
- 17 penalize or in any way retaliate against or harass an employee because the
- 18 employee in good faith reported or disclosed any information pursuant to
- 19 subsection 2 of this section, or in any way attempt to dissuade, prevent or
- 20 interfere with an employee who wishes to report or disclose such information;
- 21 (3) Establish a program to identify a compliance officer who is a
- 22 designated person responsible for administering the reporting and investigation
- 23 process and an alternate person should the primary designee be implicated in the
- 24 report.
- 25 2. This section shall apply to information disclosed or reported in good
- 26 faith by an employee concerning:
- 27 (1) Alleged facility mismanagement or fraudulent activity;
- 28 (2) Alleged violations of applicable federal or state laws or administrative
- 29 rules concerning patient care, patient safety or facility safety; or
- 30 (3) The ability of employees to successfully perform their assigned duties.
- 31 All information disclosed, collected and maintained pursuant to this subsection
- 32 and pursuant to the written policy requirements of this section shall be accessible
- 33 to the department of health and senior services at all times and shall be reviewed
- by the department of health and senior services at least annually. Complainants
- 35 shall be notified of the department of health and senior services' access to such
- 36 information and of the complainant's right to notify the department of health and
- 37 senior services of any information concerning alleged violations of applicable

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- 38 federal or state laws or administrative rules concerning patient care, patient 39 safety or facility safety.
- 3. Prior to any disclosure to individuals or agencies other than the department of health and senior services, employees wishing to make a disclosure pursuant to the provisions of this section shall first report to the individual or individuals designated by the hospital [or], ambulatory surgical center, or abortion facility pursuant to subsection 1 of this section.
 - 4. If the compliance officer, compliance committee or management official discovers credible evidence of misconduct from any source and, after a reasonable inquiry, has reason to believe that the misconduct may violate criminal, civil or administrative law, then the hospital [or], ambulatory surgical center, or abortion facility shall report the existence of misconduct to the appropriate governmental authority within a reasonable period, but not more than seven days after determining that there is credible evidence of a violation.
- 52 5. Reports made to the department of health and senior services shall be 53 subject to the provisions of section 197.477, provided that the restrictions of 54 section 197.477 shall not be construed to limit the employee's ability to subpoena 55 from the original source the information reported to the department pursuant to 56 this section.
 - 6. Each written policy shall allow employees making a report who wish to remain anonymous to do so, and shall include safeguards to protect the confidentiality of the employee making the report, the confidentiality of patients and the integrity of data, information and medical records.
- 7. Each hospital [and], ambulatory surgical center, and abortion facility shall, within forty-eight hours of the receipt of a report, notify the employee that his or her report has been received and is being reviewed.

197.287. By July 1, 2001, all hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers, and by July 1, 2018, all abortion facilities shall provide training programs, with measurable minimal training outcomes relating to quality of patient care and patient safety, to all unlicensed staff providing patient care in their facility within ninety days of the beginning date of employment. Standards for such training shall be established by the department of health and senior services by rule. It shall be a requirement of hospital [and], ambulatory surgical center, and abortion facility licensure pursuant to this chapter that all hospitals [and], ambulatory surgical centers, and abortion facilities submit documentation to the department of health and senior services on the training program used.

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197.289. 1. All hospitals [and], ambulatory surgical centers, and abortion facilities shall develop and implement a methodology which ensures adequate nurse staffing that will meet the needs of patients. At a minimum, there shall be on duty at all times a sufficient number of licensed registered nurses to provide patient care requiring the judgment and skills of a licensed registered nurse and to oversee the activities of all nursing personnel.

- 7 2. There shall be sufficient licensed and ancillary nursing personnel on 8 duty on each nursing unit to meet the needs of each patient in accordance with 9 accepted standards of quality patient care.
- 197.293. 1. In addition to the powers established in sections 197.070 and 197.220, the department of health and senior services shall use the following standards for enforcing hospital [and], ambulatory surgical center, and abortion facility licensure regulations promulgated to enforce the provisions of sections 197.010 to 197.120, sections 197.150 to 197.165, and sections 197.200 to 197.240:
- 6 (1) Upon notification of a deficiency in meeting regulatory standards, the 7 hospital [or], ambulatory surgical center, or abortion facility shall develop and 8 implement a plan of correction approved by the department which includes, but 9 is not limited to, the specific type of corrective action to be taken and an 10 estimated time to complete such action;
- 11 (2) If the plan as implemented does not correct the deficiency, the 12 department may either:
 - (a) Direct the hospital [or], ambulatory surgical center, or abortion facility to develop and implement a plan of correction pursuant to subdivision(1) of this subsection; or
 - (b) Require the hospital [or], ambulatory surgical center, or abortion facility to implement a plan of correction developed by the department;
- (3) If there is a continuing deficiency after implementation of the plan of correction pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection and the hospital [or], ambulatory surgical center, or abortion facility has had an opportunity to correct such deficiency, the department may restrict new inpatient admissions or outpatient entrants to the service or services affected by such deficiency;
 - (4) If there is a continuing deficiency after the department restricts new inpatient admissions or outpatient entrants to the service or services pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection and the hospital [or], ambulatory surgical center, or abortion facility has had an opportunity to correct such deficiency, the department may suspend operations in all or part of the service or services

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- (5) If there is a continuing deficiency after suspension of operations pursuant to subdivision (4) of this subsection, the department may deny, suspend 30 or revoke the hospital's [or], ambulatory surgical center's, or abortion facility's 32 license pursuant to section 197.070 or section 197.220.
- 33 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of this section to the contrary, if a deficiency in meeting licensure standards presents an immediate 34 35 and serious threat to the patients' health and safety, the department may, based on the scope and severity of the deficiency, restrict access to the service or 36 services affected by the deficiency until the hospital [or], ambulatory surgical 37 38 center, or abortion facility has developed and implemented an approved plan 39 of correction. Decisions as to whether a deficiency constitutes an immediate and 40 serious threat to the patients' health and safety shall be made in accordance with guidelines established pursuant to regulation of the department of health and 41 42 senior services and such decisions shall be approved by the bureau of health facility licensing in the department of health and senior services, or its successor 43 44 agency, or by a person authorized by the regulations to approve such decisions in the absence of the director. 45
- 197.295. 1. A hospital [or], ambulatory surgical center, or abortion facility aggrieved by a decision of the department pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (b) of subdivision (2) and subdivisions (3), (4) and (5) of subsection 1 of section 197.293 may appeal such decision to the administrative hearing commission pursuant to section 197.071 or section 197.221, and seek judicial review pursuant to section 621.145. An appeal of an action to restrict new inpatient admissions or outpatient entrants, suspend operations or revoke a license shall be heard on an expedited basis by the administrative hearing commission. The hospital [or], ambulatory surgical center, or abortion facility may apply to the administrative hearing commission for an order to stay or 10 suspend any such departmental action pending the commission's findings and 11 12 ruling as authorized by section 621.035.
- 13 2. If both the department and the hospital [or], ambulatory surgical center, or abortion facility agree to do so, prior to an appeal to the 14 15 administrative hearing commission pursuant to section 197.071 or section 16 197.221, an official action of the department made pursuant to sections 197.010 17 to 197.120 or sections 197.200 to 197.240 may be appealed to a departmental hearing officer. The department of health and senior services shall promulgate

- 19 rules specifying the qualifications of such a hearing officer, establish procedures
- 20 to ensure impartial decisions and provide for comparable appeal remedies when
- 21 a departmental hearing officer is unavailable.
- 574.200. 1. A person commits the offense of interference with 2 medical assistance if he or she, while serving in his or her capacity as 3 an employee of an abortion facility:
- (1) Knowingly orders or requests medical personnel to deviate from any applicable standard of care or ordinary practice while providing medical assistance to a patient for reasons unrelated to the patient's health or welfare; or
- 8 (2) Knowingly attempts to prevent medical personnel from 9 providing medical assistance to a patient in accordance with all 10 applicable standards of care or ordinary practice for reasons unrelated 11 to the patient's health or welfare.
- 2. The offense of interference with medical assistance is a class A misdemeanor.
- 3. For purposes of this section, the term "medical personnel" shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - (1) Physicians and surgeons licensed under chapter 334;
- 17 (2) Nurses licensed under chapter 335;
- 18 (3) Emergency medical services personnel as defined in section 19 190.600; or
- 20 (4) Any person operating under the supervision of such medical personnel.
 - 595.027. 1. Upon request by the department for verification of injuries of victims, medical providers shall submit the information requested by the department within twenty working days of the request at no cost to the fund.
- 2. For purposes of this section, "medical providers" means physicians, dentists, clinical psychologists, optometrists, podiatrists, registered nurses, physician's assistants, chiropractors, physical therapists, hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, abortion facilities, and nursing homes.
- 8 3. Failure to submit the information as required by this section shall be 9 an infraction.
- Section B. In accordance with the provisions of section 1.140, the provisions of section A are severable. If any provision of section A is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall

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