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La. R.S. § 14:32.11. Partial birth abortion

A. Any physician who knowingly performs a partial birth abortion and thereby kills a human fetus shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than one nor more than ten years, fined not less than ten thousand nor more than one hundred thousand dollars, or both. This Section shall not apply to a partial birth abortion that is necessary to save the life of a mother whose life is endangered by a physical disorder, physical illness, or physical injury, including a lifeendangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself.

B. Repealed by Acts 2022, No. 545, § 4, effective August 01, 2022.

C.

- (1) A defendant charged with an offense under this Section may seek a hearing before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners on whether the physician's conduct was necessary to save the life of the mother whose life was endangered by a physical disorder, physical illness, or physical injury, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself. The report of the board shall be discoverable.
- (2) The findings on that issue are admissible on that issue at the trial of the defendant. Upon a motion of the defendant, the court shall delay the beginning of the trial for not more than thirty days to permit such a hearing to take place.
- **D.** A woman upon whom a partial birth abortion is performed shall not be subject to prosecution for a violation of this Section as a principal, accessory, or coconspirator thereto.

La. R.S. § 14:87.1.1. Killing a child during delivery; penalties

A. Killing a child during delivery is the intentional destruction, during parturition of the mother, of the vitality or life of a child in a state of being born and before actual birth, which child would otherwise have been born alive; provided, however, that the crime of killing a child during delivery shall not be construed to include any case in which the death of a child results from the use by a physician of a procedure during delivery which is necessary to save the life of the child or of the mother and is used for the express purpose of and with the specific intent of saving the life of the child or of the mother.

B. Whoever commits the crime of killing a child during delivery shall be imprisoned at hard labor in the penitentiary for life.

La. R.S. § 14:87.3. Prohibited cutting, resection, excision, harvesting, removal, sale, receipt, research, commerce, or transport of fetal organs, tissues, and b4ody parts; whistleblower account

- **A.** No person may knowingly and for money, including but not limited to fees for storage or handling, any payments for reimbursement, repayments, or compensation, or any other consideration:
 - (1) Buy, sell, receive, or otherwise transfer or acquire a fetal organ or body part resulting from an induced abortion.
 - (2) Transport with the intent to sell or otherwise transfer a fetal organ or body part resulting from an induced abortion.
 - (3) Transport a fetal organ or body part resulting from an induced abortion that has been acquired by any person via any transaction prohibited by this Section.
- **B.** Repealed by Acts 2022, No. 545, § 4, effective August 01, 2022.
- **C.** After an induced abortion has been completed, no person shall intentionally cut, resection, excise, harvest, or remove any body part, organ, or tissue of the aborted unborn child for any purpose prohibited by this Section, or for sale, commerce, transport, research, or profit.

D.

- (1) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prohibit any transaction related to the final disposition of the bodily remains of the aborted human being in accordance with state law, or to prohibit any conduct permitted under state law that is undertaken with any of the following purposes:
 - (a) The purpose of providing knowledge solely to the mother, such as for pathological or diagnostic purposes.
 - **(b)** The purpose of providing knowledge solely to law enforcement officers, such as the case of an autopsy following a feticide.
- (2) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prohibit the donation of bodily remains from a human embryo or fetus whose death was caused by a natural miscarriage or stillbirth, in accordance with the guidelines and prohibitions provided in applicable state and federal law.
- (3) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to affect existing federal or state law regarding the practice of abortion, or to create or recognize a right to abortion.
- **E.** Any person who violates this Section shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment at hard labor for not less than ten nor more than fifty years, at least ten years of which shall be served without benefit of probation or suspension of sentence, and may, in addition, be required to pay a fine of not more than fifty thousand dollars.

- (1) The Fetal Organ Whistleblower Account, hereinafter referred to as "the account", is hereby created in the state treasury.
- (2) The account shall be composed of any monies derived from appropriations by the legislature and any gift, grant, devise, donation, or bequest of monies or properties of any nature or description.
- (3) An award of one thousand dollars shall be paid out of the account to any person who provides evidence that results in the arrest and indictment of any other person for a violation of this Section. Eligibility for an award pursuant to this Subsection shall be determined by the district attorney or the attorney general, as appropriate.
- (4) All monies deposited in the account shall be used solely to pay awards to persons as provided by Paragraph (3) of this Subsection and shall be paid by the state treasurer upon written order signed by the district attorney or the attorney general, as appropriate, except that monies deposited in the account may be used to pay reasonable costs of administering the account.
- (5) The name and other identifying information of any person who is paid an award pursuant to this Subsection shall remain confidential.

La. R.S. § 14:87.4. Abortion advertising.

- **A.** Abortion advertising is the placing or carrying of any advertisement of abortion services by the publicizing of the availability of abortion services.
- **B.** Whoever commits the crime of abortion advertising shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than one year or fined not more than five thousand dollars, or both.

La. R.S. § 14:87.5. Intentional failure to sustain life and health of aborted viable infant

- **A.** The intentional failure to sustain the life and health of an aborted viable infant shall be a crime. The intentional failure to sustain the life and health of an aborted viable infant is the intentional failure, by any physician or person performing or inducing an abortion, to exercise that degree of professional care and diligence, and to perform such measures as constitute good medical practice, necessary to sustain the life and health of an aborted viable infant, when the death of the infant results.
- **B.** Any person who commits the crime of intentional failure to sustain the life and health of an aborted viable infant shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than twenty-one years.

La. R.S. § 14:87.6. Coerced abortion

- **A.** Coerced abortion is committed when any person intentionally engages in the use or threatened use of physical force against the person of a pregnant woman, with the intent to compel the pregnant woman to undergo an abortion against her will, whether or not the abortion procedure has been attempted or completed.
- **B.** Whoever commits the crime of coerced abortion shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars, or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both.

La. R.S. § 14:87.7. Abortion

- **A.** It shall be unlawful for a physician or other person to perform an abortion, with or without the consent of the pregnant female.
- **B.** The terms used in this Section have the same meaning as the definitions provided in <u>R.S.</u> 14:87.1.
- C. Whoever commits the crime of abortion shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than one year nor more than ten years and shall be fined not less than ten thousand dollars nor more than one hundred thousand dollars.
- **D.** This Section does not apply to a pregnant female upon whom an abortion is committed or performed in violation of this Section, and the pregnant female shall not be held responsible for the criminal consequences of any violation of this Section.
- **E.** This Section shall not apply to the sale, use, prescription, or administration of a contraceptive or an emergency contraceptive.
- **F.** The provisions of this Section shall become effective immediately upon, and to the extent permitted by, the occurrence of any of the following circumstances:
 - (1) Any decision of the Supreme Court of the United States which overrules, in whole or in part, Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113, 93 S.Ct. 705, 35 L.Ed. 2d 147 (1973), thereby restoring to the state of Louisiana the authority to prohibit or limit abortion.
 - (2) Adoption of an amendment to the United States Constitution which, in whole or in part, restores to the state of Louisiana the authority to prohibit or limit abortion.
 - (3) A decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, Docket No. 19-1392, which overrules, in whole or in part, Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113, 93 S.Ct. 705, 35 L.Ed. 2d 147 (1973), thereby restoring to the state of Louisiana the authority to prohibit or limit abortion.

La. R.S. § 14:87.8. Late term abortion

- **A.** It shall be unlawful for a physician or other person to perform a late term abortion, with or without the consent of the pregnant female.
- **B.** Whoever commits the crime of late term abortion shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than one year nor more than fifteen years and shall be fined not less than twenty thousand dollars nor more than two hundred thousand dollars.
- **C.** This Section does not apply to a pregnant female upon whom an abortion is committed or performed in violation of this Section, and the pregnant female shall not be held responsible for the criminal consequences of any violation of this Section.
- **D.** This Section shall not apply to the sale, use, prescription, or administration of a contraceptive or an emergency contraceptive.
- **E.** The provisions of this Section shall become effective immediately upon, and to the extent permitted by, the occurrence of any of the following circumstances:
 - (1) Any decision of the Supreme Court of the United States which overrules, in whole or in part, Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113, 93 S.Ct. 705, 35 L.Ed. 2d 147 (1973), thereby restoring to the state of Louisiana the authority to prohibit, limit, or regulate abortion.
 - (2) Adoption of an amendment to the United States Constitution which, in whole or in part, restores to the state of Louisiana the authority to prohibit or limit abortion.
 - (3) A decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, Docket No. 19-1392, which overrules, in whole or in part, Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113, 93 S.Ct. 705, 35 L.Ed. 2d 147 (1973), thereby restoring to the state of Louisiana the authority to prohibit or limit abortion.

La. R.S. § 14:87.9. Criminal abortion by means of abortion-inducing drugs

A. Criminal abortion by means of an abortion-inducing drug is committed when a person knowingly causes an abortion to occur by means of delivering, dispensing, distributing, or providing a pregnant woman with an abortion-inducing drug.

B.

- (1) Any person who knowingly performs an abortion by means of an abortion-inducing drug in violation of this Section shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than one nor more than five years, fined not less than five thousand nor more than fifty thousand dollars, or both.
- (2) Any person who knowingly performs an abortion by means of an abortion-inducing drug in violation of this Section that results in the death or serious bodily injury of the pregnant woman shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than five nor more than ten

years, fined not less than ten thousand nor more than seventy-five thousand dollars, or both.

- (3) Any person who knowingly performs or induces an abortion that results in the death or serious bodily injury of a pregnant woman under the age of eighteen in violation of this Section shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than fifteen nor more than fifty years, fined not less than fifteen thousand nor more than one hundred thousand dollars, or both.
- **C.** None of the following shall be construed to create the crime of criminal abortion by means of an abortion-inducing drug:
 - (1) Any action taken when a physician or other licensed medical professional is acting in the course of administering lawful medical care.
 - (2) Any act taken or omission by a pregnant woman with regard to her own unborn child.
 - (3) Possessing for her own consumption or consuming an abortion-inducing drug by a pregnant woman in violation of this Section.
 - (4) Lawfully prescribing, dispensing, or distributing a drug, medicine, or other substance for a bona fide medical reason that is not intended to cause an abortion in violation of this Section.

(5)

- (a) The act of administering an abortion-inducing drug when the drug is administered by a physician licensed by the state of Louisiana who administers the abortion-inducing drug in person to the pregnant woman.
- **(b)** The provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall not be a defense against prosecution under any other provision of law that makes the abortion unlawful, whether the other provision of law is in effect on August 1, 2022 or becomes unlawful at a later date.
- (6) Any act by a licensed pharmacist or pharmacy related to filling a prescription for a drug, medicine, or other substance prescribed for a bona fide medical reason shall not subject the pharmacist or the pharmacy to the criminal consequences of this Section. A diagnosis or a diagnosis code shall be written on the prescription by the prescriber indicating that the drug, medicine, or other substance is intended for a purpose other than to cause an abortion in violation of this Section.

La. R.S. § 14:87.10. Abortion by an unlicensed physician

- **A.** The crime of abortion by an unlicensed physician is an abortion performed, with or without the consent of the pregnant woman or her legal guardian, that results in the death of an unborn child when the abortion is performed by any individual who is not a physician licensed by the state of Louisiana.
- **B.** Repealed by Acts 2022, No. 545, § 4, effective August 1, 2022.
- C. Any person who knowingly performs an abortion in violation of this Section shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than one nor more than five years, fined not less than five thousand nor more than fifty thousand dollars, or both.
- **D.** None of the following shall be construed to create the crime of abortion by an unlicensed physician:
 - (1) Any action taken when a physician or other licensed medical professional is acting in the course of administering lawful medical care and an unborn child dies.
 - (2) Any act taken or omission by a pregnant woman with regard to her own unborn child.
- **E.** The provisions of <u>R.S. 40:1061.1</u> shall apply to this Section.

La. R.S. § 14:87.11. Aggravated abortion by dismemberment

- **A.** Aggravated abortion by dismemberment is the commission of an abortion when the unborn child is intentionally dismembered, whether the act of dismemberment was in the course of or following the death of the unborn child.
- **B.** Repealed by Acts 2022, No. 545, § 4, effective August 1, 2022.
- **C.** Any person who knowingly performs an abortion in violation of this Section shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than one nor more than ten years, fined not less than ten thousand nor more than one hundred thousand dollars, or both.
- **D.** None of the following shall be construed to create the crime of aggravated abortion by dismemberment:
 - (1) Any action taken when a physician or other licensed medical professional is acting in the course of administering lawful medical care and an unborn child dies.
 - (2) Any act taken or omission by a pregnant woman with regard to her own unborn child.

La. R.S. § 40:1061.10. Abortion by physician; determination of viability; ultrasound test required; exceptions; penalties

A.

- (1) Physician requirements. No person shall perform or induce an abortion unless that person is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana and is currently board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology or family medicine or enrolled in a residency program for obstetrics and gynecology or family medicine, when that resident performs or induces an abortion under the direct supervision of a physician who is board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology or family medicine. Any outpatient abortion facility that knowingly or negligently employs, contracts with, or provides any valuable consideration for the performance of an abortion in an outpatient abortion facility by any person who does not meet the requirements of this Section is subject to having its license denied, non-renewed, or revoked by the Department of Health and Hospitals in accord with R.S. 40:2175.6. For the purposes of this Subsection, "direct supervision" shall mean that the physician must be present in the hospital, on the campus, or in the outpatient facility, and immediately available to furnish assistance and direction throughout the performance of the procedure. The physician need not be present in the room when the procedure is performed in order to maintain direct supervision.
- (2) On the date the abortion is performed or induced, a physician performing or inducing an abortion shall:
 - (a) Have active admitting privileges at a hospital that is located not further than thirty miles from the location at which the abortion is performed or induced and that provides obstetrical or gynecological health care services. For purposes of this Section, "active admitting privileges" means that the physician is a member in good standing of the medical staff of a hospital that is currently licensed by the department, with the ability to admit a patient and to provide diagnostic and surgical services to such patient consistent with the requirements of Paragraph (A)(1) of this Subsection.
 - **(b)** Provide the pregnant woman with all of the following before the abortion is performed or induced:
 - (i) A telephone number by which the pregnant woman may reach the physician, or other health care personnel employed by the physician or facility at which the abortion was performed or induced, who has twenty-four hours per day access to the woman's relevant medical records so that the woman may request assistance related to any complication that arises from the performance or induction of the abortion, or to ask health-related questions regarding the abortion.
 - (ii) The name and telephone number of the hospital nearest to the home of the pregnant woman at which an emergency arising from the abortion would be treated.
 - (c) Whoever violates the provisions of Subparagraph (2)(a) of this Paragraph shall be fined not more than four thousand dollars per violation.

- **B.** Viability. Exception the case of a medical emergency, before a physician performs an abortion, the physician, by use of his good faith medical judgment, shall first determine if the unborn child is viable.
- C. Determination of Viability. In order to preserve the health of the woman, and in order to assist in making an accurate finding of viability considering the gestational age, weight, and lung maturity of the unborn child, the physician intending to terminate a pregnancy shall first perform or cause to be performed an ultrasound examination pursuant to the provisions of Subsection D of this Section. The physician shall enter such findings and determination of viability in the medical record of the pregnant woman, along with photographs or prints of the ultrasound evidencing the findings.
- **D.** Ultrasound Requirements. Except in the case of a medical emergency, and in addition to the provisions of R.S. 40:1061.17, consent to an abortion of an unborn child at any stage of gestational development is voluntary and informed only if an obstetric ultrasound is performed in accordance with the provisions of this Section.
 - (1) Qualifications to perform ultrasound. The ultrasound shall be performed by the physician who is to perform the abortion or a qualified person who is the physician's agent. For purposes of this Section, "qualified person" means a person having documented evidence that he or she has completed a course in the operation of ultrasound equipment and is in compliance with any other requirements of law regarding the operation of ultrasound equipment.

(2) Requirements.

- (a) Except as provided in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, at least seventy-two hours prior to the woman's having any part of an abortion performed or induced, and prior to the administration of any anesthesia or medication in preparation for the abortion on the woman, the physician who is to perform the abortion or a qualified person who is the physician's agent shall comply with all of the following requirements:
 - (i) Perform an obstetric ultrasound on the pregnant woman; simultaneously display the screen which depicts the active ultrasound images so that the pregnant woman may view them; and make audible the fetal heartbeat, if present, in a quality consistent with current medical practice. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prevent the pregnant woman from not listening to the sounds detected by the fetal heart monitor, or from not viewing the images displayed on the ultrasound screen.
 - (ii) Provide a simultaneous and objectively accurate oral explanation of what the ultrasound is depicting, in a manner understandable to a layperson, which shall include the presence and location of the unborn child within the uterus and the number of unborn children depicted, the dimensions of the unborn child, and the presence of cardiac activity if present and viewable, along with the opportunity for the pregnant woman to ask questions.

- (iii) Offer the pregnant woman the option of requesting an ultrasound photograph or print of her unborn child of a quality consistent with current standard medical practice that accurately portrays, to the extent feasible, the body of the unborn child including limbs, if present and viewable.
- (iv) Prior to the ultrasound, obtain from the pregnant woman a copy of a completed, signed, and dated election form. The election form shall be produced and made available by the department, and shall state as follows:

Ultrasound Before Abortion Notice and Election Form

Louisiana law requires an ultrasound examination prior to the performance of an abortion. By signing below, I certify that I understand the following:

- (1) I have the option to look at or look away from the ultrasound display at any time.
- (2) I have the option to listen to the heartbeat of the unborn child that is required to be made audible unless I decline by initialing here:.
- (3) I am required by law to hear an oral explanation of the ultrasound images, unless I certify below that I am pregnant due to an act of rape or crime against nature as defined by $R.S.\ 14:89(A)(2)$.
- (4) I have the option to ask and receive answers to any questions about the images of the unborn child.
- (5) I have the option to ask for an ultrasound photographic print depicting the unborn child.

Signature Date

OPTION FOR WOMEN WHO HAVE FILED LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORTS:

I certify that I have reported an act of rape or to law enforcement officials, and that I decline to hear an oral explanation of the ultrasound images. I certify that I have reported an act of rape or to law enforcement officials, and that I decline to hear an oral explanation of the ultrasound images. crime against nature as defined by R.S. 14:89(A)(2) I certify that I have reported an act of rape or to law enforcement officials, and that I decline to hear an oral explanation of the ultrasound images. I certify that I have reported an act of rape or to law enforcement officials, and that I decline to hear an oral explanation of the ultrasound images.

Signature Date

- (v) Orally read the following statement to the pregnant woman in the ultrasound examination room prior to beginning the ultrasound examination, and certify by signature on a form that shall be produced and made available by the department that the following statement was delivered orally:
- "During this ultrasound examination, you have the right to an oral explanation of the results. You have the option to view the images on the ultrasound screen. The heartbeat of the unborn child, if

present, will be made audible, unless you declined on the election form. You have the right to receive answers to any questions you ask about your ultrasound examination. You have the right to receive an ultrasound photographic print, which will be provided at your request."

- (vi) Retain copies of the election form and certification prescribed by Items (iv) and (v) of this Subparagraph. The certification shall be placed in the medical file of the woman and shall be kept by the abortion provider for a period of not less than seven years. If the woman is a minor, the certification shall be placed in the medical file of the minor and kept for at least seven years or for five years after the minor reaches the age of majority, whichever is greater. The woman's medical files shall be kept confidential as provided by law.
- **(b)** If the pregnant woman certifies in writing that she currently lives one hundred fifty miles or more from the nearest licensed outpatient abortion facility to her residence, then the physician who is to perform the abortion or a qualified person who is the physician's agent shall comply with all of the requirements of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph at least twenty-four hours prior to the woman having any part of an abortion performed or induced.

(3) Options to view or listen to required medical information.

- (a) A pregnant woman may choose not to exercise her option to request an ultrasound photograph print as provided for under this Section.
- **(b)** A pregnant woman may choose not to view the ultrasound images required to be provided to and reviewed with the pregnant woman as provided for under this Section.
- (c) A pregnant woman may choose not to listen to the sounds detected by the fetal heart monitor required to be provided to the pregnant woman as provided for under this Section.
- (d) The physician, the agent of the physician, and the pregnant woman are not subject to a penalty under this Chapter solely because the pregnant woman chooses not to request an ultrasound print, view the ultrasound images, or hear the heart auscultation.

(4) Medical emergencies.

- (a) "Medical emergency" as used in this Section, means the existence of any physical condition, not including any emotional, psychological, or mental condition, which a reasonably prudent physician, with knowledge of the case and treatment possibilities with respect to the medical conditions involved, would determine necessitates the immediate abortion of the pregnancy to avert the pregnant woman's death or to avert substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function arising from continued pregnancy.
- **(b)** Upon a determination by a physician that a medical emergency exists with respect to a pregnant woman, the provider shall certify in writing the specific medical conditions that constitute the emergency. The certification shall be placed in the medical file of the woman and shall be kept by the abortion provider for a period of not less than seven years. If the woman is a minor, then the certification shall be placed in the medical file of the minor and kept for at least seven years or for five years after the minor reaches the age of majority, whichever is greater. The woman's medical files shall be kept confidential as provided by law.

- (5) Penalties. Any person who intentionally or knowingly fails to comply with any requirement of this Section shall be subject to the penalties as provided for in R.S. 40:1061.29.
- (6) Protection of privacy in court proceedings. In every civil or criminal proceeding or action brought under this Section, the court shall rule whether the anonymity of any female upon whom an abortion has been performed or attempted shall be preserved from public disclosure if she does not give her consent to such disclosure. The court may close any proceedings in the case and enter other protective orders to preserve the privacy of the woman upon whom the abortion has been performed or attempted. This Section may not be construed to conceal the identity of the plaintiff or of witnesses from the defendant.
- E. Pregnant rape survivors or victims of crime again st nature as defined by <u>R.S.</u> 14:89(A)(2) who have reported the act to law enforcement officials shall have the opportunity to opt out of the oral explanation provisions of Subparagraph D(2)(b) of this Section, in addition to having the same options to view or listen to the required medical information as provided in Paragraph (D)(3) of this Section.
- **F.** The provisions of R.S. 40:1061.1 shall apply to this Section.

La. R.S. § 40:1061.11. Drugs or chemicals used; penalties.

- **A.** When any drug or chemical is used for the purpose of inducing an abortion as defined in <u>R.S.</u> 40:1061.9(1), the physician who prescribed the drug or chemical shall be in the same room and in the physical presence of the pregnant woman when the drug or chemical is initially administered, dispensed, or otherwise provided to the pregnant woman.
- **B.** The drug or chemical shall not be administered, dispensed, or otherwise provided to the pregnant woman by a physician or any person acting under the physician's direction, whether in a licensed outpatient abortion facility, private medical office or any other facility, unless the physician has obtained the voluntary and informed consent of the pregnant woman pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 40:1061.17 and the requirements set forth in that Section.
- **C.** If a physician prescribes, dispenses, administers, or provides any drug or chemical to a pregnant woman for the purpose of inducing an abortion as defined in <u>R.S. 40:1061.9</u>, the physician shall report the abortion to the Department of Health and Hospitals as provided in <u>R.S. 40:1061.21</u>.
- **D.** In addition to the requirements of reporting complications to the Department of Health and Hospitals pursuant to R.S. 40:1061.21, if the physician knows that the woman experienced a serious adverse event, as defined by the Med Watch Reporting System, during or after the administration or use of the drug, the physician shall also report the event to the United States Food and Drug Administration through the Med Watch Reporting System not later than the third day after the date the physician learns that the event occurred.

- **E.** The Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners may take disciplinary action as authorized in <u>R.S. 37:1261</u> et seq. or any other applicable provision of law against a physician who violates any provision of this Section.
- **F.** Any person not under the direct and immediate supervision of a physician who knowingly performs or attempts to perform an abortion using chemicals or drugs in violation of this Section shall be subject to penalties pursuant to <u>R.S. 40:1061.29</u>. No penalty may be assessed against the woman who undergoes the abortion.

La. R.S. § 40:1061.29. Penalties

- **A.** Whoever violates the provisions of this Chapter shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars per incidence or occurrence, or imprisoned for not more than two years, or both.
- **B.** Whoever violates the provisions of this Chapter shall be subject to a civil fine of one thousand dollars per incidence or occurrence. In addition to any other authority granted by the constitution and laws of this state, the attorney general shall have the authority to pursue the civil fines provided for in this Section.
- **C.** In addition to whatever remedies are otherwise available under the law of this state, failure to comply with the provisions of this Chapter shall:
 - (1) Provide a basis for a civil malpractice action. Such an action may be brought by the woman upon whom the abortion was performed. Any intentional violation of this Chapter shall be admissible in a civil suit as prima facie evidence of a failure to comply with the requirements of this Chapter. When requested, the court shall allow a woman to proceed using solely her initials or a pseudonym and may close any proceedings in the case and enter other protective orders to preserve the privacy of the woman upon whom the abortion was performed.
 - (2) Provide a basis for professional disciplinary action, including but not limited to any action authorized under R.S. 37:1261 et seq.
 - (3) Provide a basis for recovery for the woman for the death of her unborn child under <u>Civil Code Article 2315.2</u>, whether or not the unborn child was viable at the time the abortion was performed, or was born alive.
 - (4) Provide a basis for the attorney general, the district attorney in whose jurisdiction the violation occurred, or the secretary of the department to obtain a writ of injunction, which shall not be subject to being released upon bond. The trial of the proceeding shall be summary and by the judge without a jury.