

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 53rd Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1548
Version:	Introduced
Request Number:	5196
Author:	Rep. Kern
Date:	2/21/2011
Impact:	\$0

Research Analysis

HB 1548, as introduced, creates the Abortion Patients' Enhanced Safety Act which designates certain abortion clinics as ambulatory surgical centers with the same licensing, regulation and standard of care requirements. The measure makes it a misdemeanor for an operator of an abortion clinic deemed an ambulatory surgical center to not obtain a license, punishable by a \$500 per day fine issued by the Dept. of Health. The measure also requires the Commissioner of Health to file a court order if the Commissioner determines that any person has violated the act.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1548 as introduced, would require abortion clinics to be licensed as Ambulatory Surgery Centers, and provides for specific penalties for violations of the Act. Officials at the State Department of Health (OSDH) anticipate minimal costs related to the enforcement of the act due to the small number of facilities subject to the act. HB 1548 is expected to have no direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations

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Other Considerations

N/A