

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 54th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 1848
Version:	Engrossed
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Impact:	\$4,000 for admin rule process

Research Analysis

The measure requires the State Board of Health to establish abortion facility supplies and equipment standards. An abortion facility must have a physician on the premises during an abortion procedure that has admitting privileges at an accredited hospital within 30 miles of the facility. Additionally, the measure requires the board to adopt physician assistant training standards and volunteer standards for those working in an abortion facility. The board must also adopt medical screening and evaluation standards for abortion patients and abortion procedure and post procedure standards. The measure stipulates the minimum standards that must be adopted by the board. An abortion facility must notify the board if an abortion patient or born-alive child is injured in a facility. Written notification must be made within 10 days of the incident. In the event of an abortion patient's death, the facility must notify of the board no later than the next business day. All incident reports must be filed with the board and the appropriate professional licensing and regulatory boards. The operation of an unlicensed facility will be considered a felony, and any reckless violation of the measure or its standards will be considered a felony. Any violation of the measure may result in a civil penalty or a fine not to exceed \$25,000.

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Fiscal Analysis

Engrossed SB 1848 requires the State Board of Health to establish certain standards. According to officials at the Health Department, the standards established would cost an estimated \$4,000 for the admin rule process. The measure further provides for a civil penalty for the operation of an unlicensed abortion facility.

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Other Considerations

None.