

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 55th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB1552
Version:	CS
Request Number:	9645
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

The CS clarifies that a medically necessary abortion to preserve the life of the mother will not be considered grounds for denial or revocation of a medical license and will not constitute unprofessional conduct. An abortion will not be considered medically necessary to save the life of the mother if it is based on a claim or diagnosis that the woman may engage in conduct which she intends to result in her death.

The bill stipulates that the performance of an abortion by a physician will constitute unprofessional conduct and prohibits the physician from obtaining or renewing a license to practice medicine. The State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision and the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners must revoke the license of a physician performing an abortion. Lastly, it stipulates that if the bill is challenged in court, the Attorney General's office must determine the amount of state or local funds that will be expended to defend the challenge.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.