BILL SUMMARY

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Impact: Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

SB 642 broadens the grounds for violations related to an abortion performed upon an emancipated minor to include a person who intentionally causes, aids, abets or assists an unemancipated minor to obtain an abortion without parental consent. A violation would result in the person being civilly liable to the minor and to the person or persons required to give parental consent. A court may grant an injunction upon a petition by the Attorney General, district attorney, or any adversely affected persons who can show that certain conduct may occur in the future or has occurred in the past.

The measure requires a physician to preserve fetal tissue extracted during an abortion on a minor who is less than fourteen years of age at the time of the procedure. The physician must submit the tissue to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, and the Bureau must adopt minimum rules to address the reporting, handling, and disposal of such tissue. If a physician fails to comply with this requirement, the action will constitute unprofessional conduct and will be considered a felony.

The measure directs the State Board of Health to establish policies and procedures for conducting pre-licensure and re-licensure inspections of abortion facilities. Prior to issuing or reissuing a license, an on-site inspection will be required to ensure compliance. The measure permits the State Commissioner of Health or any duly designated employee to enter into the premises of a licensee or licensed abortion facility, during normal business hours, if the Commissioner has reasonable cause to believe a licensee or licensed abortion facility is not adhering to the law. If the inspection or investigation finds the licensee or licensed abortion facility is not adhering to the law, as specified in the measure, then the Commissioner may take action to deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a license to operate an abortion facility. Accordingly, the measure provides penalties for violating the law.

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Fiscal Analysis

Upon review of the measure, it has been determined to have no measureable revenue or fiscal considerations.

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Other Considerations

None.

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