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Bill Analysis

SB 1859 amends language in the Heartbeat Informed Consent Act that currently requires an abortion provider to inform a woman who is at least eight (8) weeks pregnant that it may be possible to make the fetal heartbeat audible. The measure amends the language to cover women who are 6 weeks pregnant instead of 8 weeks pregnant, and prohibits abortions after the heartbeat is audible. It also broadens the law to include fetal brain waves, requiring the provider to verify the presence or absence of fetal brain waves and prohibiting abortions if brain waves are detected. Any physician who violates the provisions of the measure shall be deemed to have engaged in unprofessional conduct and shall be subject to licensure suspension or revocation.

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