



H.B. 253

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(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

? Requires physicians to offer a test for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) to each of their pregnant patients within ten days of the patient's first examination.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Physicians required to offer HIV tests to pregnant patients

(R.C. 3701.508)

The bill requires a physician attending a pregnant patient to offer to administer to the patient a blood test for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) at the time of her first examination or within ten days after her first examination. If the patient undergoes the test and tests positive, the physician must counsel the patient as to the availability of treatment.

If the patient refuses the test, the physician must make a reasonable effort to obtain a statement of objection written and signed by the patient, to be placed in her medical record. The bill provides that a physician attending a pregnant patient who refuses the HIV test is immune from any liability arising out of or related to the unborn child's contracting of HIV infection or AIDS from the mother.

HISTORY

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