

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 710

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to abortion; amending Section 4,
8 Chapter 159, O.S.L. 2012 (63 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section
9 1-745.14), which relates to fetal heartbeat; reducing
10 time period for certain requirements; deleting
11 procedural provisions relating to detection of fetal
12 heartbeat; prohibiting abortion under certain
13 circumstances; and providing an effective date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 159, O.S.L.
16 2012 (63 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 1-745.14), is amended to read as
17 follows:

18 Section 1-745.14. A. Any abortion provider who knowingly
19 performs or induces any abortion shall comply with the requirements
20 of the Heartbeat Informed Consent Act.

21 B. Prior to a woman giving informed consent to having any part
22 of an abortion performed or induced, if the pregnancy is at least
23 ~~eight (8)~~ six (6) weeks after fertilization, the abortion provider
24 who is to perform or induce the abortion or an agent of the abortion
provider shall ~~tell the woman that it may be possible to make~~

1 determine if the embryonic or fetal heartbeat of the unborn child is
2 ~~audible for the pregnant woman to hear and ask the woman if she~~
3 ~~would like to hear the heartbeat. If the woman would like to hear~~
4 ~~the heartbeat, the abortion provider shall, using a Doppler fetal~~
5 ~~heart rate monitor, make the embryonic or fetal heartbeat of the~~
6 ~~unborn child audible for the pregnant woman to hear. No physician~~
7 ~~shall perform an abortion if the physician determines the embryonic~~
8 ~~or fetal heartbeat is audible.~~ An abortion provider or an agent of
9 the abortion provider shall not be in violation of the requirements
10 of this subsection if:

11 1. The provider or agent has attempted, consistent with
12 standard medical practice, to make the embryonic or fetal heartbeat
13 of the unborn child audible for the pregnant woman to hear using a
14 Doppler fetal heart rate monitor;

15 2. That attempt does not result in the heartbeat being made
16 audible; and

17 3. The provider has offered to attempt to make the heartbeat
18 audible at a subsequent date.

19 C. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the
20 pregnant woman from not listening to the sounds detected by the
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1 Doppler fetal heart rate monitor pursuant to the requirements of
2 subsection B of this section.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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