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Sub. S. B. No. 254

#### **Senator Uecker**

Cosponsors: Senators Hite, Jordan, Burke, Beagle, Coley, Faber

## A BILL

То	amend sections 2317.56, 3701.341, and 3701.79	1
	and to enact sections 3728.01, 3728.02, 3728.03,	2
	3728.04, 3728.05, 3728.09, 3728.10, 3728.11,	3
	3728.12, 3728.13, 3728.14, 3728.15, 3728.95,	4
	3728.99, and 4717.271 of the Revised Code	5
	regarding final disposition of fetal remains	6
	from surgical abortions.	7

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

<b>Section 1</b> . That sections 2317.56, 3701.341, and 3701.79 be	8
amended and sections 3728.01, 3728.02, 3728.03, 3728.04,	9
3728.05, 3728.09, 3728.10, 3728.11, 3728.12, 3728.13, 3728.14,	10
3728.15, 3728.95, 3728.99, and 4717.271 of the Revised Code be	11
enacted to read as follows:	12
Sec. 2317.56. (A) As used in this section:	13
(1) "Medical emergency" has the same meaning as in section	14
2919.16 of the Revised Code.	15
(2) "Medical necessity" means a medical condition of a	16
pregnant woman that, in the reasonable judgment of the physician	17
who is attending the woman, so complicates the pregnancy that it	18

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(2) At least twenty-four hours prior to the performance or 48 inducement of the abortion, the physician who is to perform or 49 induce the abortion or the physician's agent does each of the 50 following in person, by telephone, by certified mail, return 51 receipt requested, or by regular mail evidenced by a certificate 52 of mailing: 5.3 (a) Inform the pregnant woman of the name of the physician 54 who is scheduled to perform or induce the abortion; 55 (b) Give the pregnant woman copies of the published 56 materials described in division (C) of this section; 57 (c) Inform the pregnant woman that the materials given 58 pursuant to division (B)(2)(b) of this section are published by 59 the state and that they describe the embryo or fetus and list 60 agencies that offer alternatives to abortion. The pregnant woman 61 may choose to examine or not to examine the materials. A 62 physician or an agent of a physician may choose to be 63 disassociated from the materials and may choose to comment or 64 not comment on the materials. 65 (3) If it has been determined that the unborn human 66 individual the pregnant woman is carrying has a detectable 67 heartbeat, the physician who is to perform or induce the 68 abortion shall comply with the informed consent requirements in 69 section 2919.192 of the Revised Code in addition to complying 70 with the informed consent requirements in divisions (B)(1), (2), 71 (4), and (5) of this section. 72 (4) Prior to the performance or inducement of the 73 abortion, the pregnant woman signs a form consenting to the 74 abortion and certifies both all of the following on that form: 75

(a) She has received the information and materials

dependent, including, but not limited to, adoption agencies. The	106
materials shall be geographically indexed; include a	107
comprehensive list of the available agencies, a description of	108
the services offered by the agencies, and the telephone numbers	109
and addresses of the agencies; and inform the pregnant woman	110
about available medical assistance benefits for prenatal care,	111
childbirth, and neonatal care and about the support obligations	112
of the father of a child who is born alive. The department shall	113
ensure that the materials described in division (C)(1) of this	114
section are comprehensive and do not directly or indirectly	115
promote, exclude, or discourage the use of any agency or service	116
described in this division.	117

(2) Materials that inform the pregnant woman of the 118 probable anatomical and physiological characteristics of the 119 zygote, blastocyte, embryo, or fetus at two-week gestational 120 increments for the first sixteen weeks of pregnancy and at four-121 week gestational increments from the seventeenth week of 122 pregnancy to full term, including any relevant information 123 regarding the time at which the fetus possibly would be viable. 124 The department shall cause these materials to be published only 125 after it consults with the Ohio state medical association and 126 the Ohio section of the American college of obstetricians and 127 gynecologists relative to the probable anatomical and 128 physiological characteristics of a zygote, blastocyte, embryo, 129 or fetus at the various gestational increments. The materials 130 shall use language that is understandable by the average person 131 who is not medically trained, shall be objective and 132 nonjudgmental, and shall include only accurate scientific 133 information about the zygote, blastocyte, embryo, or fetus at 134 the various gestational increments. If the materials use a 135 pictorial, photographic, or other depiction to provide 136

information regarding the zygote, blastocyte, embryo, or fetus,	137
the materials shall include, in a conspicuous manner, a scale or	138
other explanation that is understandable by the average person	139
and that can be used to determine the actual size of the zygote,	140
blastocyte, embryo, or fetus at a particular gestational	141
increment as contrasted with the depicted size of the zygote,	142
blastocyte, embryo, or fetus at that gestational increment.	143

- (D) Upon the submission of a request to the department of
  health by any person, hospital, physician, or medical facility
  for one copy of the materials published in accordance with
  division (C) of this section, the department shall make the
  requested copy of the materials available to the person,
  hospital, physician, or medical facility that requested the
  copy.
- (E) If a medical emergency or medical necessity compels the performance or inducement of an abortion, the physician who will perform or induce the abortion, prior to its performance or inducement if possible, shall inform the pregnant woman of the medical indications supporting the physician's judgment that an immediate abortion is necessary. Any physician who performs or induces an abortion without the prior satisfaction of the conditions specified in division (B) of this section because of a medical emergency or medical necessity shall enter the reasons for the conclusion that a medical emergency or medical necessity exists in the medical record of the pregnant woman.
- (F) If the conditions specified in division (B) of this

  section are satisfied, consent to an abortion shall be presumed

  to be valid and effective.

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- (G) The performance or inducement of an abortion without 165 the prior satisfaction of the conditions specified in division 166

(3) An employer or other principal is not liable in

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(b) Age;	280
(c) Race;	281
(d) Marital status;	282
(e) Number of previous pregnancies;	283
(f) Years of education;	284
(g) Number of living children;	285
(h) Number of previously induced abortions;	286
(i) Date of last induced abortion;	287
(j) Date of last live birth;	288
(k) Method of contraception at the time of conception;	289
(1) Date of the first day of the last menstrual period;	290
(m) Medical condition at the time of the abortion;	291
(n) Rh-type;	292
(o) The number of weeks of gestation at the time of the abortion.	293 294
(5) (6) The type of abortion procedure performed;	295
(6) (7) Complications by type;	296
(7) (8) Type of procedure performed after the abortion;	297
(8) (9) Type of family planning recommended;	298
(9) (10) Type of additional counseling given;	299
(10) (11) Signature of attending physician.	300
(D) The physician who completed the abortion report under division (C) of this section shall submit the abortion report to	301 302

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(xi) For Ohio residents, the county of residence of the	359
woman on whom the abortion was performed.	360
(2) The report also shall indicate the number and type of	361
the abortion complications reported to the department either on	362
the abortion report required under division (C) of this section	363
or the postabortion complication report required under division	364
(H) of this section.	365
(3) In addition to the annual report required under	366
division (I)(1) of this section, the department shall make	367
available, on request, the number of abortions performed by zip	368
code of residence.	369
(J) The director of health shall implement this section	370
and shall apply to the court of common pleas for temporary or	371
permanent injunctions restraining a violation or threatened	372
violation of its requirements. This action is an additional	373
remedy not dependent on the adequacy of the remedy at law.	374
Sec. 3728.01. As used in this chapter:	375
(A) "Abortion facility" means any of the following in	376
which abortions are induced or performed:	377
(1) Ambulatory surgical facility as defined in section	378
3702.30 of the Revised Code;	379
(2) Any other facility in which abortion is legally	380
provided.	381
(B) "Cremation" has the same meaning as in section 4717.01	382
of the Revised Code.	383
(C) "Fetal remains" means the entire fetus or any of its	384
parts removed from the pregnant woman's uterus by an abortion,	385
irrespective of the duration of the pregnancy.	386

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(D) "Interment" means the burial or entombment of fetal_	387
remains.	388
Sec. 3728.02. (A) Final disposition of fetal remains from	389
a surgical abortion at an abortion facility shall be by	390
cremation or interment.	391
(B) The cremation of fetal remains under division (A) of	392
this section shall be in a crematory facility, in compliance	393
with Chapter 4717. of the Revised Code.	394
(C) As used in this section, "crematory facility" has the	395
same meaning as in section 4717.01 of the Revised Code.	396
Sec. 3728.03. A pregnant woman who has a surgical abortion	397
has the right to determine both of the following regarding the	398
<pre>fetal remains:</pre>	399
(A) Whether the final disposition shall be by cremation or	400
<pre>interment;</pre>	401
(B) The location for the final disposition.	402
Sec. 3728.04. (A) (1) If a pregnant woman desires to	403
exercise the rights under section 3728.03 of the Revised Code,	404
she shall make the determination in writing using a form	405
prescribed by the director of health under division (C) of	406
section 3728.14 of the Revised Code. The determination must	407
clearly indicate both of the following:	408
(a) Whether the final disposition will be by cremation or	409
<pre>interment;</pre>	410
(b) Whether the final disposition will be at a location	411
other than one provided by the abortion facility.	412
(2) If a pregnant woman does not desire to exercise the	413

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rights under section 3728.03 of the Revised Code, the abortion	414
facility shall determine whether final disposition shall be by	415
cremation or interment.	416
(B) (1) A pregnant woman who is under eighteen years of	417
age, unmarried, and unemancipated shall obtain parental consent	418
from one of the person's parents, guardian, or custodian to the	419
final disposition determination she makes under division (A)(1)	420
of this section. The consent shall be made in writing using a	421
form prescribed by the director under division (B) of section	422
3728.14 of the Revised Code.	423
(2) The consent under division (B)(1) of this section is	424
not required for a pregnant woman exercising her rights under	425
section 3728.03 of the Revised Code if an order authorizing	426
consent to the abortion was issued under section 2151.85 of the	427
Revised Code.	428
Sec. 3728.05. An abortion facility may not release fetal	429
remains from a surgical abortion, or arrange for the cremation	430
or interment of such fetal remains, until it obtains a final	431
disposition determination made, and if applicable, the consent	432
made, under section 3728.04 of the Revised Code.	433
Sec. 3728.09. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of	434
this section, an abortion facility shall pay for and provide for	435
the cremation or interment of the fetal remains from a surgical	436
abortion performed at that facility.	437
(B) If the disposition determination made under division	438
(A) (1) of section 3728.04 of the Revised Code identifies a	439
location for final disposition other than one provided by the	440
abortion facility, the pregnant woman is responsible for the	441
costs related to the final disposition of the fetal remains at	442

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the chosen location.	443
Sec. 3728.10. An abortion facility shall document in the	444
pregnant woman's medical record the final disposition	445
determination made, and if applicable, the consent made, under	446
section 3728.04 of the Revised Code.	447
Sec. 3728.11. An abortion facility shall maintain	448
evidentiary documentation demonstrating the date and method of	449
the disposition of fetal remains from surgical abortions	450
performed or induced in the facility.	451
Sec. 3728.12. An abortion facility shall have written	452
policies and procedures regarding cremation or interment of	453
fetal remains from surgical abortions performed or induced in	454
the facility.	455
Sec. 3728.13. An abortion facility shall develop and	456
maintain a written list of locations at which it provides or	457
arranges for the final disposition of fetal remains from	458
surgical abortions.	459
Sec. 3728.14. Not later than ninety days after the	460
effective date of this section, the director of health, in	461
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall adopt	462
rules necessary to carry out sections 3728.01 to 3728.13 of the	463
Revised Code, including rules that prescribe the following:	464
(A) The method in which pregnant women who seek surgical	465
abortions are informed of the following:	466
(1) The right to determine final disposition of fetal	467
remains under section 3728.03 of the Revised Code;	468
(2) The available options for locations and methods for	469
the disposition of fetal remains.	470

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(B) The notification form for final disposition	471
determinations and the consent form for purposes of section	472
3728.04 of the Revised Code.	473
(C)(1) A detachable supplemental form to the form	474
described in division (B)(4) of section 2317.56 of the Revised	475
<pre>Code that meets the following requirements:</pre>	476
(a) Indicates whether the pregnant woman has indicated a	477
preference as to the method of disposition of the fetal remains	478
and the preferred method selected;	479
(b) Indicates whether the pregnant woman has indicated a	480
preference as to the location of disposition of the fetal	481
remains;	482
(c) Provides for the signature of the physician who is to	483
<pre>perform or induce the abortion;</pre>	484
(d) Provides for a medical identification number for the	485
pregnant woman but does not provide for the pregnant woman's	486
<pre>printed name or signature.</pre>	487
(2) If a medical emergency or medical necessity prevents	488
the pregnant woman from completing the detachable supplemental	489
form, procedures to complete that form a reasonable time after	490
the medical emergency or medical necessity has ended.	491
Sec. 3728.15. Notwithstanding any conflicting provision of	492
the Revised Code or procedure of an agency or board, a person	493
who buries or cremates fetal remains from a surgical abortion is	494
not liable for or subject to damages in any civil action,	495
prosecution in any criminal proceeding, or professional	496
disciplinary action related to the disposal of fetal remains, if	497
that person does all of the following:	498

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(A) Acts in good faith compliance with this chapter and,	499
if applicable, section 4717.271 of the Revised Code;	500
(B) Receives a copy of a properly executed detachable	501
supplemental form described in division (C)(1) of section	502
3728.14 of the Revised Code;	503
(C) Acts in furtherance of the final disposition of the	504
<u>fetal remains.</u>	505
Sec. 3728.95. A pregnant woman who has a surgical	506
abortion, the fetal remains from which are not disposed of in	507
compliance with this chapter, is not guilty of committing,	508
attempting to commit, complicity in the commission of, or	509
conspiracy in the commission of a violation of section 3728.99	510
of the Revised Code.	511
Sec. 3728.99. (A) No person shall fail to comply with	512
<u>section 3728.02, 3728.05, 3728.10, or 3728.11 of the Revised</u>	513
<pre>Code.</pre>	514
(B) Whoever knowingly violates division (A) of this	515
section is guilty of failure to dispose of fetal remains	516
humanely, a misdemeanor of the first degree.	517
Sec. 4717.271. The operator of a crematory facility that	518
cremates fetal remains for an abortion facility under Chapter	519
3728. of the Revised Code shall not do either of the following:	520
(A) Dispose of the cremated fetal remains anywhere other	521
than in a grave, crypt, or niche;	522
(B) Arrange for the transfer or disposal of the cremated	523
fetal remains anywhere other than in a grave, crypt, or niche.	524
Section 2. That existing sections 2317.56, 3701.341, and	525
3701.79 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.	526

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Section 3. Neither of the following shall apply until	527
rules are adopted under section 3728.14 of the Revised Code:	528
(A) The prohibition under section 3728.99 of the Revised	529
Code;	530
(B) The prohibitions under section 4717.271 of the Revised	531
Code.	532