

Amend CSHB 15 (house committee report) on page 6, between lines 16 and 17, by inserting the following new Section 171.056, Health and Safety Code, and renumber subsequent sections accordingly:

Sec. 171.056. ASSISTANCE FOR PREGNANT WOMAN DECLINING ABORTION AFTER SONOGRAM. If, after receiving the information required to be provided under Section 171.053, the pregnant woman declines to have an abortion, the physician who was to perform the abortion shall certify that fact to the department.

(b) On receipt of the physician's certificate, the department shall pay for all reasonable and necessary expenses for the medical care of the woman and unborn child, including the reasonable and necessary expenses of childbirth and post-delivery recovery. The department may not require the woman to use a particular health care provider.

(c) The department shall adopt rules to implement this section.