

Amend CSHB 15 (house committee printing) as follows:

(1) On page 6, line 19, strike "only".

(2) On page 7, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

Sec. 171.0565. EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN FETUSES. (a) In this section:

(1) "Irreversible condition" has the meaning assigned by Section 166.002.

(2) "Viable" has the meaning assigned by Section 170.001.

(b) A physician may perform an abortion without providing the sonogram required under Section 171.053 if the physician concludes in good faith according to the physician's best medical judgment that the fetus:

(1) has an irreversible condition, as previously identified by reliable diagnostic procedures and documented in the woman's medical file; and

(2) is not viable.

(c) This section does not prohibit a physician from performing a sonogram or any other diagnostic procedure necessary before or during the performance of an abortion.