Key Legislation

Senate Bill 8, 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017

• Requires the dignified disposition of embryonic and fetal tissue remains
• Amends the definition of abortion and required physicians instead of facilities to report all abortions performed
• Requires reporting of fetal tissue donations by ambulatory surgical centers, birthing centers, and hospitals
Key Legislation

House Bill 13, 85th Legislature, First Called Session, 2017

• Expanded abortion complication reporting requirements to include certain health care facilities as well as physicians

House Bill 215, 85th Legislature, First Called Session, 2017

• Expanded information to be reported for abortions performed on minors
• Fetal tissue disposition rules:
  o Adopted in February 2018
  o Currently enjoined in *Whole Woman’s Health v. Smith* (1:16-cv-01300, W.D. Tex.)
  o Federal bench trial concluded
  o Definition update and expanded abortion reporting rules were adopted in May 2018
• Fetal tissue donation reporting rules
  o Expected adoption in September 2018
HB 13 – Abortion complications reporting rules:
  • General rules and abortion facilities – Adopted in May 2018
  • Ambulatory surgical centers and hospitals – Expected adoption in September 2018
  • Freestanding emergency medical centers – Expected adoption in March 2019

HB 215 – Abortions performed on minors reporting rules – adopted in May 2018