[No. 206]

(HB 4599)

AN ACT to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "An act to protect and promote the public health; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the laws relating to public health; to provide for the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities; to provide for the classification, administration, regulation, financing, and maintenance of personal, environmental, and other health services and activities; to create or continue, and prescribe the powers and duties of, departments, boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, and other agencies; to prescribe the powers and duties of governmental entities and officials; to regulate occupations, facilities, and agencies affecting the public health; to regulate health maintenance organizations and certain third party administrators and insurers; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to promote the efficient and economical delivery of health care services, to provide for the appropriate utilization of health care facilities and services, and to provide for the closure of hospitals or consolidation of hospitals or services; to provide for the collection and use of data and information; to provide for the transfer of property; to provide certain immunity from liability; to regulate and prohibit the sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; to provide for the implementation of federal law; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide for sanctions for violations of this act and local ordinances; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain parts of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates," by amending section 20115 (MCL 333.20115) and by adding section 22224.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

333.20115 Rules defining or differentiating health facility or agency; republication of certain rules; waiver or modification; "abortion" defined. [M.S.A. 14.15(20115)]

Sec. 20115. (1) The department may promulgate rules to further define the term "health facility or agency" and the definition of a health facility or agency listed in section 20106 as required to implement this article. The department may define a specific organization as a health facility or agency for the sole purpose of certification authorized under this article. For purpose of certification only, an organization defined in section 20106(5), 20108(1), or 20109(4) is considered a health facility or agency. The term "health facility or agency" does not mean a visiting nurse service or home aide service conducted by and for the adherents of a church or religious denomination for the purpose of providing service for those who depend upon spiritual means through prayer alone for healing.

(2) The department shall promulgate rules to differentiate a freestanding surgical outpatient facility from a private office of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, or other health professional. The department shall specify in the rules that a facility including, but not limited to, a private practice office described in this subsection in which 50% or more of the patients annually served at the facility undergo an abortion must be licensed under this article as a freestanding surgical outpatient facility.

(3) The department shall promulgate rules that in effect republish R 325.3826, R 325.3832, R 325.3835, R 325.3857, R 325.3866, R 325.3867, and R 325.3868 of the Michigan administrative code, but shall include in the rules standards for a freestanding surgical outpatient facility in which 50% or more of the patients annually served in the freestanding surgical outpatient facility undergo an abortion. The department shall assure that the standards are consistent with the most recent United States supreme court decisions regarding state regulation of abortions.

(4) Subject to section 20145 and part 222, the department may modify or waive 1 or more of the rules contained in R 325.3801 to R 325.3877 of the Michigan administrative code regarding construction or equipment standards, or both, for a freestanding surgical outpatient facility in which 50% or more of the patients annually served in the freestanding surgical outpatient facility undergo an abortion, if both of the following conditions are met:

(a) The freestanding surgical outpatient facility was in existence and operating on the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection.

(b) The department makes a determination that the existing construction or equipment conditions, or both, within the freestanding surgical outpatient facility are adequate to preserve the health and safety of the patients and employees of the freestanding surgical outpatient facility or that the construction or equipment conditions, or both, can be modified to adequately preserve the health and safety of the patients and employees of the freestanding surgical outpatient facility without meeting the specific requirements of the rules.

(5) As used in this subsection, "abortion" means that term as defined in section 17015.

333.22224 Certificate of need not required. [M.S.A. 14.15(22224)]

Sec. 22224. (1) A health facility required to be licensed as a freestanding surgical outpatient facility by rules promulgated under section 20115(2) is not required to obtain a certificate of need in order to be granted a license as a freestanding surgical outpatient facility.

(2) If a freestanding surgical outpatient facility is applying for a certificate of need to initiate, replace, or expand a covered clinical service consisting of surgical services, the department shall not count abortion procedures in determining if the freestanding surgical outpatient facility meets the annual minimum number of surgical procedures required in the certificate of need standards governing surgical services.

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