

# Medical Affairs Committee

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## Meeting Notice

**To:** Subcommittee Members

Sen. Davis, Chairman

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**From:** Senator Danny Verdin, Chairman

**Date:** January 8, 2021

**Subject:** Subcommittee Meeting

A subcommittee of the Medical Affairs Committee will meet on **Thursday, January 14 at 10:00** in **Room 105** (overflow seating tentatively scheduled in 207; the meeting will be streamed). If necessary, the subcommittee will reconvene after the Senate's adjournment

## **Agenda**

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[S. 1](#) -- Senators Grooms, Verdin, Kimbrell, Garrett, Martin, Shealy, Climer, Corbin, Cromer, Rice, Adams and Hembree: A BILL TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA FETAL HEARTBEAT AND PROTECTION FROM ABORTION ACT"; TO AMEND CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ABORTIONS, BY ADDING ARTICLE 6, TO REQUIRE TESTING FOR A DETECTABLE FETAL HEARTBEAT BEFORE AN ABORTION IS PERFORMED ON A PREGNANT WOMAN, TO PROHIBIT THE PERFORMANCE OF AN ABORTION IF A FETAL HEARTBEAT IS DETECTED, TO PROVIDE MEDICAL EMERGENCY EXCEPTIONS, TO REQUIRE CERTAIN DOCUMENTATION AND RECORDKEEPING BY PHYSICIANS PERFORMING ABORTIONS, TO CREATE A CIVIL ACTION FOR A PREGNANT WOMAN UPON WHOM AN ABORTION IS PERFORMED, TO CREATE CRIMINAL PENALTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; TO AMEND SECTION [44-41-460](#)(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE REQUIRED REPORTING OF ABORTION DATA TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, TO ADD REPORTING OF FETAL HEARTBEAT TESTING AND PATIENT MEDICAL CONDITION DATA; AND TO AMEND SECTION [44-41-330](#)(A)(1) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO A PREGNANT WOMAN'S RIGHT TO KNOW CERTAIN INFORMATION, TO REQUIRE NOTIFICATION OF THE DETECTION OF A FETAL HEARTBEAT.

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**PLEASE READ BEFORE OPENING THE LINK:**

- Registration at the above link must be done with your preference of in-person or virtual testimony. If you choose the latter, be sure to include an e-mail address so a link to join the meeting can be sent to you.
- To accommodate other speakers, please be prepared to limit comments to three minutes.
- The meeting room will have limited occupancy (around 30) due to pandemic conditions; please note the overflow room listed above.
- In addition to speaking, written comments are also welcome from speakers and non-speakers, alike. A three-minute video addressing the subject will also be accepted in lieu of in-person or virtual testimony. Please send e-mails/attachments to:

[smedicomm@scsenate.gov](mailto:smedicomm@scsenate.gov) (please use bill # in subject line).

- Written correspondence should be sent to:

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- Electronic or written correspondence must be received, and registration to speak must be completed, by Tuesday, January 12, 9 AM.