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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 2776 Session of  
2020

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INTRODUCED BY KAUFER AND RYAN, AUGUST 13, 2020

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, AUGUST 13, 2020

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AN ACT

1 Providing for requirements relating to administration of  
2 obstetrical ultrasound procedures.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Obstetrical  
7 Ultrasound Procedure Limitations Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Department." The Department of Health of the Commonwealth.

13 "Health care practitioner." An individual who holds a valid  
14 license to practice a component of the healing arts issued by  
15 the State Board of Medicine, the State Board of Osteopathic  
16 Medicine or the State Board of Nursing.

17 Section 3. Restrictions.

18 (a) Order for ultrasound.--Only a health care practitioner,

1 acting within the health care practitioner's authorized scope of  
2 practice, may issue an order for the administration of an  
3 ultrasound procedure upon a pregnant woman.

4 (b) Performance of ultrasound procedure.--No person shall  
5 perform an ultrasound procedure upon a pregnant woman unless the  
6 procedure meets any one of the following criteria:

7 (1) Is ordered by a health care practitioner.

8 (2) Serves a medical or diagnostic purpose.

9 (3) Is the initial ultrasound performed in order to  
10 confirm a pregnancy or prove an estimated due date for  
11 delivery.

12 Section 4. Violations.

13 The department shall cause an investigation to be instituted  
14 of any alleged violation of this act. Whenever the department  
15 has reasonable cause to believe that a person has violated any  
16 provision of this act, the department shall issue and serve upon  
17 the person a notice to cease and desist from the violation.

18 Section 5. Regulations.

19 The department shall promulgate regulations to administer and  
20 enforce this act.

21 Section 6. Effective date.

22 This act shall take effect in 60 days.