
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1949 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY KAUFER AND WHEELAND, NOVEMBER 29, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, NOVEMBER 29, 2017

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 practitioner,

1 acting within the practitioner's authorized scope of practice,
2 may issue an order for the administration of an ultrasound
3 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 the following criteria:

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

8 (2) Serves a medical or diagnostic purpose.

9 Section 4. Violations.

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

15 Section 5. Regulations.

16 The department shall promulgate regulations to administer and
17 enforce this act.

18 Section 6. Effective date.

19 This act shall take effect in 60 days.