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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill creates a requirement that a woman who miscarries be informed of burial and cremation options.

Section

1 **Notification of disposition options required.** Adds § 145.1622. Requires providers to inform a woman who miscarries of her right to arrange for burial or cremation of the fetus.

Subd. 1. Citation. Names this section the "Grieving Parents Act."

Subd. 2. Notification required. Requires hospitals, clinics and medical facilities with custody of a miscarried fetus to provide written notification to the mother of her right to arrange a burial or cremation for the fetus.

Subd. 3. Election of disposition. Provides that when a woman elects, in writing, to arrange for a burial or cremation within 24 hours of receiving notification of her rights, the hospital, clinic, or medical facility must release the fetal remains.

Subd. 4. Duties of commissioner. Instructs the commissioner of health to determine the information to be included in the notification and the election forms and to make these forms available to facilities subjects to this section.

2 **Effective.** Provides July 1, 2007, as the effective date.